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Thu 0630 WRMI 9955 [sometimes first airing]
Thu 1300 WRMI 9955
Thu 2000 WBCQ 7415 9330-CUSB?

Fri 0100 WBCQ Area 51 5110-CUSB
Fri 0200 WRMI 9955 [pre-empted this week; see AFRICA]
Fri 1230 WRMI 9955
Fri 1530 WRMI 9955
Fri 2130 WWCR1 7465

Sat 0900 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 9510 [Dec 5, 12, 19 only in 2009]
Sat 0900 WRMI 9955
Sat 1430 WRMI 9955 [pre-empted this week; see AFRICA]
Sat 1730 WWCR3 12160
Sat 1900 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 6170 [NEW]
Sat 2000 WRMI 9955

Sun 0330 WWCR3 5070
Sun 0730 WWCR1 3215
Sun 0900 WRMI 9955
Sun 1230 South Herts Radio 5835
Sun 1615 WRMI 9955
Sun 2000 WRMI 9955

Mon 0600 WRMI 9955
Mon 2300 WBCQ 7415

Tue 1200 WRMI 9955
Tue 1630 WRMI 9955
Tue 2000 WBCQ 7415 9330-CUSB?

Wed 0800 WRMI 9955 [sometimes first airing]
Wed 1630 WRMI 9955
Wed 1930 South Herts Radio 3935
Wed 2000 WBCQ 7415 9330-CUSB?

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** AFGHANISTAN. EVEN THE TALIBAN SUPPORTS LOCAL RADIO

David Hoffman's http://www.internews.org InterNews, a $35 million organization which has helped support the development of 4,800 news outlets in 30 countries, has just opened its 42nd radio station in Afghanistan, and over lunch, Hoffman had an interesting story to tell. It was about the response from the Taliban to this form of public diplomacy.

Shortly after the station started reporting local news, says Hoffman, it received a phone call from a very polite member of the Taliban. "Could you please take the little jingle off the air?" the caller asked. "I want to listen to the news, but it starts with a jingle, and we're not allowed to listen to music." The Taliban could burn us down, says Hoffman, but they don't, because we provide an important function in Afghanistan. . .
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/alexia-parks/even-the-taliban-supports_b_351482.html
(Alexia Parks, Huffington Post Via Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, DXLD)

** AFRICA [non]. PCJ MEDIA SPECIAL ABOUT RADIO IN AFRICA - On November 21 at 0200 and 1400 UT, PCJ Media will present a special show looking

at Ears To Our World, a US-based charity that provides schools and teachers in Africa with radios. This special show will also focus on the important role SW radio plays in Africa.

Guests are:
Thomas Witherspoon - Founder, Ears To Our World
Fred Osterman - Universal Radio
Walter Hess - EtÛn Corp.
David Smith - formerly with Radio Canada International, Radio Netherlands, and United Nations Radio.
Soule Issiaka - an expert on the role of radio in Africa and freelance with Radio Netherlands

Dates:
November 20, 2009 - 0200 UT [Friday] [but see below]
November 21, 2009 - 1400 UT [Saturday]
Frequency: 9955 kHz Webstream: http://www.wrmi.net
(Keith Perron, Nov 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) V also USA WRMI

Glenn: In case anyone is confused, we're going to air it at 0200 UT Friday and 0200 UT Saturday (i.e. Thursday and Friday nights in North America), as well as 1400 UT Saturday.

It might be easier to mention just UTC days, but you would be amazed at the number of listeners in North America who are confused when you give airtimes in UTC days, and in this case the program is specifically intended for the North American audience (Jeff White, WRMI Radio Miami International, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. 6890, KNLS, Nov 13 at 1417, P-F signal but no QRM here, praise music; 1419 admitting that 15% of today`s Americans profess no religious belief and proceeding to attack Deism, as illogical: since the Bible tells us that God created the world, how could he have lost interest? Or something equally illogical. 1422 back to music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA [and non]. Checking R. Tirana`s 2100 English Nov 11: 9895 very poor with flutter, opening with transmission schedule; // 7520 inaudible under some bubbly QRM, nor was Farda. This was apparently of local origin as I was hearing the same mess every 50 kHz down at least to 7170 and up to 7570+. At least I sure hope it was local.

That was on the portable, perhaps too close to a neighbor`s house. On the main rig FRG-7, 24 hours later, no such problems. Nov 12 at 2101, 9895 was poor but readable with transmission schedule, the main problem being overload from WWCR way up on 9980. // 7520 had better signal at fair level, with Farda via Sri Lanka underneath but annoying, producing a rippling SAH.

R. Tirana is still on 6110, Nov 18 at 0030 in Albanian, big collision underneath RHC. Very little signal on // 7425, and at 0130 there is only one frequency for English, 7425, while Cuba is now occupying 6110 18 hours a day for `N, C y S AmÈrica`, which means a non-direxional antenna (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Tirana is making some frequency changes as of November 19 to resolve interference or propagation problems, all 100 kW Shijak, UT:

2001-2030 Italian 6000 ex-6155, Mon-Sat, non-direxional
2100-2130 English to Europe 7430 ex-7520, Mon-Sat, 300 degrees
0000-0130 Albanian to North America 6130 ex-6110, daily, 300 degrees
0130-0145 English to North America 6130 ex-7425, Tue-Sun, 300 degrees
0245-0300 English to North America 6130 ex-7425, Tue-Sun, 300 degrees
Reports will be welcome (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Latest word is that these changes are postponed one day (gh, DXLD)

** ANGOLA. 4949.75 at 2150 5 Oct, R. Nacional de Angola, Luanda, music, talk, full ID in Portuguese, SIO 222 (Dave Kenny, Sheigra, Scotland DXpedition, Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** ANGUILLA. 11775, University Network; 2120-2146+, 17-Nov; Knee-slapping, send-money music break; Rev. Barbi introing piece by Dead Dr. Gene on Gideon & exhorting folks not to complain about having heard things before. SIO=433+, QRM RHC (presumed) on 11770 in Spanish & RNdAmazonia, Brasil (presumed) in Portuguese on 11780 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW + (new) 86 ft. coil dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARMENIA. 4810, Yerevan Gavar site. Only for two minutes was heard a program in Russian (from 1545 UT \\ MW 1395 kHz) on 4810 kHz and close down on Nov 9 with comment about the young soldiers in Armenia who don't go in the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, they want not it (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Nov 11, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 13 via DXLD)

4809.99, Armenian Public R, Yerevan, 1510-1610 UT on Sat Nov 07, Armenian talk and folksong, Armenian talk continued till 1530 UT (not Turkish as scheduled), 1530 UT National Anthem, opening ann in Kurdish, web address, modern song, Kurdish talks and folksongs, 44434. QRM AIR Bhopal (Anker Petersen, Denmark, dswci DXW Nov 11 via BCDX Nov 13 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Re 9-080: Presumed R. Symban, Sydney with weak carrier on its usual frequency: 2368.485 kHz. (73, Mauno Ritola via mwoffsets group via SW Bulletin Nov 15 via DXLD) Time? Date? (gh)

Hi All, I presume the weak open carrier being reported is Symban, as the frequency matches previous reports. However, when they were previously broadcasting, I had a very strong signal from them. I haven't had a trace of Symban in weeks and I'm just 900 km from them. All the other "usual" 120 mb stations (i.e. ABC regionals) are still very strong here and Symban was (previously) equal strength to the ABC NT regional stations. 73s (David Sharp, NSW Australia, Nov 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

After noting John Wright's posting on HardCore DX list yesterday, concerning R. Symban back on the air, I tried tuning it via GlobalTuners (Woodridge-Australia node near Brisbane, with a Yaesu FRG8800/windom) and found it on 2368.5 kHz with fairly good signal and non-stop Greek music around 1440 UT. Listened for about 5-10 minutes and when returned after breakfast, it was gone. Radio Symban only runs 80 watts, so a real thrill to one who likely will never hear this one direct! [and forwarding his original report:]

A example of GlobalTuners fun! This a.m., I noted on a Hardcore list posting an item from an Aussie noting that as of 2200 yesterday, Radio Symban was back on the air. I think you will know that R. Symban is a curious, 80 watt outlet rebroadcasting a local FM station in Australia. It is aimed at a Greek immigrant audience in Australia. It has been heard direct in past months by Ron Howard in CA and by Walt Salmaniw in British Columbia, but, of course, is a virtually impossible catch anywhere east of WCNA. It operates on 2368.5 kHz.

I went on GlobalTuners, selecting the Woodridge node (Australian, outskirts of Brisbane) with a Yaesu FRG8800 and windom antenna. I tuned 2368.5 and they were there with a fairly good, though not strong signal. I listened to non-stop Greek music for about 5 minutes, and then had to quit for breakfast. When I returned after 1500, no sign of the station. The website shows 24 hour service, but that probably is just for the FM channel, with the SW operation shorter. That was an exciting few minutes (Don Jensen, WI, Nov 12, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Monitored Radio Australia Burmese service via Darwin.
2300-2330 12010 kHz
0100-0130 12080, 17665 kHz

Nov. 12 at 2300 UT on 12010 kHz
http://ndxc.org/aoki/binews/au/abcburmese-20091111-2300_12010.mp3
de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Radio Australia has begun broadcasting in new language-Burmese
2300-2400 on 12010 DRW 250 kW / 317 deg to SEAs/Myanmar
0100-0200 on 17665 DRW 250 kW / 317 deg to SEAs/Myanmar

1600-1700 on 11980 DRW 250 kW / 317 deg to SEAs/Myanmar
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD) [as previously in DXLD]

** AUSTRALIA. 9590, RA around 1515 Nov 17 during Asia-Pacific news roundup, heard attribution to an ``Australia Network`` correspondent; what`s that? The latest name for the TV external service equivalent of ABC`s RA: http://australianetwork.com/ (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 4750.0, Bangladesh Betar, Khabirpur, 1409-1612*, Nov 01, 02, 03, 04 and 05, new extended schedule in Bengali; 1432 starts news in English; their time was two minutes late; TC: ì9:30î; local and sports news (Bangladesh won their cricket match with Zimbabwe for the 4th ODI match held in Bangladesh, etc.); announcer with slight British accent; 1443-1446 ìNews Commentaryî; back to Bengali and usual series of speeches; 1502 time pips and ID; 1506 subcontinent songs. No English news at 1530. At 1600 timepips and talks (news?) till 1612, 34433. Mixing with CNR-1; the level of QRM varies greatly from day to day (Max Van Arnhem, Netherlands; Ron Howard, CA; and Bernard Mille, France, DSWCI DX Window Nov 11 via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. BANGLADESH BETAR CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Bangladesh Betar, the largest electronic medium of the country, started its journey on the 16th December 1939. As a public service broadcasting organization, it has been playing a leading role in the nation-building process over the decades. Since its inception, promotion of national culture and heritage has been prioritized in the activities of Bangladesh Betar in home and abroad. Being the oldest electronic medium of the country, Bangladesh Betar has proved its effectiveness by promoting and preserving the rich diversified regional and national cultures through its programmes. Bangladesh inherits a rich vibrant culture.

Bangladesh Betar broadcasts news and programmes incorporating various ethnic groups of the country aimed at upholding their history, tradition and cultural identities and inspire them in patriotism. It has been playing an important role in improving the socio-economic condition of the masses and upholding the arts and culture of the country.

Bangladesh Betar has the unique distinction of having been associated with the liberation of the country from Pakistan occupation army while it put on air the historical proclamation of the Independence of Bangladesh on March 26, 1971. For its great contribution to the nation, the Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh conferred the most prestigious national prize, the independence Award 2006 to Bangladesh Betar. It also gained Commonwealth Broadcasting Association

Award (CBA) in 2006 and Asia Pacific Broadcasting (ABU) prizes for several times.

Bangladesh Betar broadcasts progammes of over 251 hours daily through its 12 regional stations and 6 units.

In order to project the country's image abroad Bangladesh Betar is trying to attract its listeners in foreign countries. The External Services of Bangladesh Betar has now been broadcasting English, Bangla Urdu, Hindi, Nepali and Arabic services and the duration of broadcast is 5 hours and 30 minutes a day, depicting cultural heritage of the country.

Bangladesh Betar is going to celebrate its 70th founding anniversary on 16th December 2009. In this regard, different programmes have been taken up to celebrate the event. One documentary programme has already been on air titled "Betar Katha" on every Friday at 4.05 pm in the national hook-up. The drama section has been broadcasting a special programme on evolution & transformation of Dhaka Betar Theater entitled "Sottor Bochor Bibortoner Dharai Dhaka Betar Natok". It is being aired every Monday at 10:30 pm from Bangladesh Betar, Dhaka in Medium wave 1000 kW of operating frequency 693 kHz.

Moreover, 12 stations and 6 units of Bangladesh Betar have chalked out special programme planning of or broadcasting different types of programmes bsased on the past glorious history of Bangladesh Betar (Bangladesh Betaar via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

** BARBADOS. BBC World Service, novo relay em Barbados nos 92.1 MHz.

Entre 28 de Outubro e 04 de Novembro a TEP tem proporcionou Ûtimas escutas de emissoras de Barbados aqui em S„o Carlos, com bom sinal e por longo tempo de abertura, chegando a 0240 UT em uma das noites. Na noite de 02 de Novembro (UTC) pude acompanhar a abertura da propagaÁ„o em torno da 0020 com as emissoras de Barbados, a propagaÁ„o se fechou em torno de 0145 UT.

Mas a novidade foi a escuta do ServiÁo Mundial da BBC nos 92.1 MHz, recepÁ„o registrada entre 0120 e 0140. N„o consegui identificar o paÌs de origem no momento, escrevi ‡ BBC pois n„o constava esta frequencia no schedule da emissora para o Caribe. A BBC respondeu confirmando tratar-se de um novo relay em Barbados. O audio da BBC em 92.1 MHz, assim como de outras emissoras e algumas fotos de S„o Carlos e regi„o podem ser encontrados em http://www.ipernity.com/doc/76129
(Samuel C·ssio Martins, S„o Carlos-SP, Brasil, Degen 1103, antena telescÛpica, @tividade DX Nov 15 via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

** BELGIUM. If it`s 9970, it must be RTBF, VG signal Nov 14 at 0805 with news in French about Guant·namo, diabetes, M&W alternating. As a non-native speaker, it seemed to me their French was perfectly Parisian, a delight to listen to. But is there really a Belgian accent easily discernible to the French French? Probably, but not to be used on the radio (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Reply: See LANGUAGE LESSONS

** BOLIVIA. 4716.70 at 2247 9 Oct, R. Yatun Ayllu Yura, nice pipe music, 2307 ID ``Radio Yura, La Voz de los AyllusÖ onda cortaÖ banda internacionalÖ PotosÌ``, SIO 252 (Alan Pennington, Sheigra, Scotland Dxpedition, Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4796.4, 0820, Radio LÌpez with regular idents in Spanish over music 18/10. Poor-fair. Per internet reports, this is new name for Radio Mallku (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand, with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, Nov NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. R. Santa Cruz, 6134.8, 0015, 343, 16 Nov, Spanish pops with canned ID's after alternate songs. Interesting how this has appeared the last couple of Novembers. No sign of Aparecida, though an extremely weak carrier on 6135 was producing an almost imperceptible growl (Theo Donnelly, Vancouver BC, Eton E1, 10m random wire on an apartment balcony, ptswyg via DXLD) Our best chance for BOLIVIA, but watch out for TADIL-A on lowside (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4805 Brasil, Radiodifusora do Amazonas, Manaus blasting in with excellent signal om PT 0006 UT 17 Nov. 73s de (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R 8, Icom 746Pro DL, noise reducing antenna, 60 meter band dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Radio Itati·ia, Belo Horizonte, 5970 --- 2305-0009, Very good signal, little fadding, 59+. Sports program "Domingo Esportivo" - State soccer championship, Brazilian Soccer Championship. Sports lottery results at 2344. "Ponto de Encontro" show announced at 2346 - comments and music. News at 0000 with several reporters - Announcer mentioned 610AM and 95.7FM frequencies, but didn't indicated SW. Out of air at 0009 (JosÈ C. Pereira, K8JCP, Franklin, OH, 0011 UT Nov 16, FT950+long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9585, fair signal Nov 15 at 0045 ``para Brasil e o mundo, os milagres de deus``. It would be miraculous if they could give the correct time, instead as ``22:43`` at 0046. This being CBN, originally R. Globo, S„o Paulo (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 10000 at 2107 3 Oct, ObservatÛrio Nacional, BrasÌlia [sic --- it`s Rio ñgh], time pips, Portuguese IDs every minute, SIO 243

(Dave Kenny, Sheigra, Scotland Dxpedition, Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) But the time chex are every dekasecond (gh)

10000, PPE Brazil: time station with YL saying "Observatorio Nacional" and then the time. Under WWV, not great, but there, and easy to hear when WWV wasn't airing a tone. 2225-2235 6/Nov (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

10000, ObservatÛrio Nacional, 2221-2231 Time pips, announcements, ID under WWV. Fair 07 Nov (Don Moore, Brighton MI, MARE DX-pedition, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. A R·dio Gazeta, de S„o Paulo (SP), È a ˙nica emissora brasileira que ainda transmite na faixa de 19 metros. Em Cap„o da Canoa (RS), …dison Bocorny J˙nior captou a emissora, em 7 de novembro, em 15325 kHz, em pleno hor·rio noturno. [sometime at night, but when?? Have not seen any reports of this abroad --- gh]

BRASIL --- O Governo prorrogou por 60 dias a realizaÁ„o de testes com sistemas de r·dio digital. O ministro das ComunicaÁıes, HÈlio Costa, assinou a portaria, publicada em 11 de novembro, no Di·rio Oficial da Uni„o. A idÈia È concluir os testes atÈ 17 de janeiro de 2010. O governo est· avaliando os dois modelos consagrados no exterior: o IBOC e DRM. … fundamental para o Brasil termos o sistema de r·dio digital em ondas curtas. Ele pode atÈ substituir as transmissıes via satÈlite?, prevÍ HÈlio Costa que, na dÈcada de 70, trabalhou na programaÁ„o em portuguÍs da Voz da AmÈrica.

BRASIL --- A Super R·dio Deus È Amor, de Curitiba (PR), voltou a ser ouvida, em 11765 kHz, na faixa de 25 metros. Foi o que constatou o …dison Bocorny J˙nior, recentemente, em Cap„o da Canoa (RS). Segundo ele, a emissora da Igreja Pentecostal Deus È Amor estava inativa, em tal canal, h· mais de um ano (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX Nov 15 via DXLD)

?? Altho I have not searched thoroly, there was a report of this last Feb in DXLD, and I think there have been others more recently (gh, DXLD)

** BULGARIA. LISTENING IN ~ RADIO BULGARIA with Darren Rozier
listeningin @ bdxc.org.uk

Radio Bulgaria (–‡‰ËÓ ¡˙Î„‡ËˇÈ) is part of BNR - Bulgarska Nationalno Radio - the Bulgarian equivalent to the BBC. Domestically it runs two national stations and a network of eight regional stations, plus other special programmes jumping on certain networks at times during the day.

The first programme is called Horizont and is a mix of news and music. The second is named after Bulgariaís national poet, Christo Botev, and is a cultural network, much like a mix between BBC Radio 3 and 4. The eight regional stations seem independent of one another. Iím quite familiar with one of them, having holidayed in Bulgariaís Golden Sands resort three times now. Radio Varna, covering most of Eastern Bulgaria and the Black Sea coast, has a Radio 2 feel to it, although it does have louder and more brash specialist programmes late at night. There is a dance show and also a VERY heavy metal programme: "hellÖdeathÖdestruction blleeeeuuuuggghhh" etc.

Radio Varna also does a programme for fishermen which is broadcast overnight on Sunday nights/ Monday mornings. Itís called "Zdravei More" or "Hello Sea" in English. In order to get the signal out to the Bulgarian fishermen in one of the biggest inland seas in the world, a shortwave transmitter in Varna is employed for the purpose. Some four years ago they used 7600 kHz, which could be heard quite well here. Now, sadly they use 6000 kHz, a frequency used by many stations, not to mention Radio Habana Cuba. Reception is almost impossible here at present.

Radio Bulgaria, the international service, is all the more interesting from my perspective due to the fact I have visited the country, tasted the food (the kavarma, served in a ceramic bowl, is to die for) and know a little about the history and culture. Iím also very pleased to report that the 2100 UTC slot is now all the 5s almost all the time on 7400 kHz. Iím thinking theyíve either made some repairs at Plovdiv or theyíre using a German transmitter. Thereís certainly more oomph in this signal than on 5900 kHz.

Thursday 8/10/09 - 2100 UT - 5900 kHz - 55545
The programme starts with times and frequencies, followed by an IS. Then thereís the news. The main details come after a list of headlines. A joint Bulgarian/ US military exercise takes place in Southern Bulgaria. Prime Minister says a shortage of funds wonít affect Bulgariaís activities abroad in places like Afghanistan, Kosovo and Bosnia Herzegovina. Bulgarian ministers meet Austrian business people in Bulgaria. European conference on agriculture with delegates from most of eastern and central Europe and als Spain. Only 7% of Bulgarians under the age of 35 work in agriculture. Over 50% of the workers are over 55. Bulgaria has received written warnings over its nature protection. The EU arenít happy bunnies because the Bulgarians havenít been sticking to the jolly old laws! It is expected, however, that they will rectify this in due course.

There are discussions to be had regarding the Lisbon Treaty. The exchange rate for the Bulgarian lev is given out. In 2005 you got around 2.80 leva to the pound. Now youíre lucky to get just 2!

Weather: Sunny but with fog in the valleys. It will be 25∫C in Sofia. The news starts each broadcast and lasts between 5 and 10 minutes.

2110 UT (You could just about hear Harold Camping from Family Radio in the background): Daily Events and Developments. a daily weekday feature taking place directly after the news.

By the end of January Bulgaria will be in the waiting room to be a part of the Eurozone. Solving fiscal problems in the Eurozone: Only Holland and the Czech Republic have managed to successfully cut down their expenses. (At 2113 I switched to 7400 kHz as the QRM from family radio was getting worse. The signal was 55555. The speech was slightly distorted, otherwise it was a great, beefy signal). The flu season has started early. Swine flu is also circulating and 94 people have swine flu in Bulgaria at the moment. Vaccination wouldnít be compulsory and should cost no more than Ä10.

2123 UT: Music Segment. A Bulgarian pianist performs "Another Day", which is sung in English. Itís heavily jazz influenced and sounds a bit like "Shape" by Sting, popularised a few years ago by the Sugababes.

2128 UT: Advert for their website, telling us we can hear selected programmes from Radio Bulgaria at www.bnr.bg. (You cannot hear the whole transmission here. The only way to do this is to listen to shortwave).

2128 UT: Song in Bulgarian or another Eastern European language.

2130 UT: History Club. Thereís a mountain range in Bulgaria where thereís a temple of the sun. Itís smaller than Stonehenge but, unlike Stonehenge, there is evidence of sacrificial rites having taken place. Another building has a Roman style central heating system and a type of mosaic very rare in Bulgaria and even in other parts of the old Roman Empire. Thereís a swastika depicted on it, symbolising fertility and happiness (which it did before Hitler and his cronies nicked it). The building abounds in marble. There was a mediaeval castle known as the Marble Town with 600m high fortress walls. Eight towers still survive to be seen today.

2136 UT: Keyword Bulgaria. another almost daily feature, popping up six times a week giving short snapshots of Bulgarian life. Many tourists have visited Varna from Sweden and Denmark. Varna is popular with OAPs and Swedish businessmen, but it could attract more well off tourists than it does now. Denmark is interested in the development of wind farms off Bulgaria. Around 500,000 Germans visited Varna in 2009. Their main interest is sailing on the Black Sea coast.

I would say Golden Sands holiday resort attracts mainly German and Russian tourists. In fact, the whole of the northernmost sector of the resort contains Russian hotels. There are a fair few British tourists, but they are by no means in the majority. I remember being in a bar there with my parents in 2006 on the night of a World Cup match featuring Germany. Just before the match started the bar was swamped by German tourists sitting ready to watch the match and the streets were full of them, shrouded in their black, red and yellow flags chanting "DeutschlandÖDeutschland". Well, that night, Germany were beaten by Italy. You could have heard a pin drop when that match finished. The streets were then lined with very dejected looking German tourists looking like a wet weekend!

2140 UT: Time Out for Music. Feature on the Sandanski Folk Ensemble. Sandanski is a town in sw Bulgaria. It sounds like a cross between oriental and Greek music. The songs are interspersed with a fair bit of information about the group. 2200 UTC. The music fades and the broadcast ends. There are no formalities about the end of the broadcast. It just finishes.

Friday 9/10/09 - 2130 UT - 7400 kHz - 55555
2130 UTC: Art and Artists. Current an exhibition on Tibet which marks the 60th anniversary of Chinese-Bulgarian diplomatic relations. Bulgarian film "Something About Love" was revieiwed. Itís about the ups and downs of life in post war Bulgaria. 2136 UTC: Bulgarian music.

2140 UT: DX Programme. Radio Bulgaria declares this is the longest running DX programme on any international radio station. Itís aimed at rather a broad church in the radio hobbyist community. Itís for radio amateurs, shortwave listeners and DX-ers. The focus of this programme was on amateur radio and the World High Speed Telegraphy contest.

(There was also talk of a direction-finding or "fox hunting" competition. The "fox" carries a radio and has to respond to any of the "hounds" calling him on the air. The "hounds" all carry equipment with a moveable antenna with which you find the null of the signal coming from the "fox". This is much the same thing you do when youíre trying to find the point of optimum reception on medium wave and long wave, but this time youíre chasing a moving target, trying to find him by antennas alone). Reporter Dimeter Petrov was talking to various participants.

Interview with Fabian Koonze. He said the high speed telegraphy contest was well organised. There was a good level of competitors from three continents. He mostly operated in CW. He was asked about the future of ham radio and he answered by saying that 50 years ago people were saying it had no future. People are saying the same thing now. He said it will change with new technology and also said there were many

different languages, but telegraphy brings all the people together. Fabian said that HST (High Speed Telegraphy) was useful for amateur radio, as well as just for competitions. He finished by saying the Black Sea has very beautiful beaches (I can vouch for that) and that Bulgaria has an interesting culture (Iím with him on that as well).

The next interview was with Gary Schmidt from the USA who got his first amateur licence when he was 11 years old and has been involved in ham radio for 50 years. He said thereís always something new to discover, but he personally prefers telegraphy. He makes contact with a lot of Bulgarians. When asked about the future of ham radio he said it was difficult to know. Itís competing against the internet and phones. The magic is that you can send something through your telegraph key and someone hears you on the other side of the world with no wires. He said the hospitality in Bulgaria was great and that itís a beautiful country.

The programme signed off with the announcer saying "73s and DX". Most weeks the programme contains some DX news, but this was overshadowed by amateur activity this week.

2151 UT: Time Out for Music. A Bulgarian rock musician with the moniker "Stanley" (real name Stanislav Slanev) is celebrating his 50th birthday. He had "Song of the Year" on a couple of occasions in the 1990s and heís had his music performed by the likes of Annie Lennox and U2. One of his songs, "Trans", was sung with his wife. In 2005 his wife released her debut album with songs written by her husband. Stanley has written soundtracks and wrote music for the Bulgarian film "Fray". Around three of his songs were played before the end of the broadcast.

Sunday 11/10/09 - 2130 UT - 7400 kHz - 55555
2127 UT: End of Views Behind the News.

2130 UT: Keyword Bulgaria. The Silver Autumn Club is a place where aged intellectuals can find people of a like mind, rather than fade into public isolation. Membership is based on the individualís contribution to Bulgarian culture and arts.

2140 UT: Folk Studio. This is like a specialist Radio 3-style cultural folk show. The songs all revolved around the subject of the boyars - Bulgarian aristocrats of times gone by. Some of the boyars survived the Ottoman conquest of the country. In the town of Preslav thereís a story engraved on a slate of a boyarís daughter who fell in love with boy from the lower classes. They decided to flee town and they hid in a cave. Some of the daughterís fatherís soldiers came looking for them, but she threw some gold coins behind her so that the soldiers found them and squabbled over them, forgetting the object of their

mission. Apparently yellow tulips still grow at this spot where the coins were thrown. Theyíre a rare variety as well.

After some more music the announcer continued with the story of the ruins of a mediaeval castle where the Bulgarian Royal Family would meet with their favourite boyars. This is in Veliko Tarnovo, one of the countryís old capitals. I have visited this castle myself and much of the grounds and battlements still survive. I was there in 2007 when darkness fell and people began to gather in a small auditorium along one of the main roads. All of a sudden, music came out of speakers at the auditorium and we were treated to a light show which shone onto and from the ruins. One of the most impressive bits was when green lasers shot out from the two tallest battlements. You could follow the laser beams all the way into the sky! However, one of the things I donít remember seeing (which the announcer mentioned) was a Christian cross there. During the times of the Ottoman occupation it served as a sign of the Christian state resurrecting after Ottoman rule came to an end.

Monday 12/10/09 - 2100 UT - 7400 kHz - 55555
2120 UT: Sports Roundup (part of todayís edition of Daily Events and Developments). Bulgaria kisses goodbye to qualifying for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. They suffered an humiliating defeat to Cyprus. The future prospects of Bulgarian football look bleak. The big football nations in Europe (England, Italy and Spain) use their reserve teams when playing Bulgaria. A Bulgarian wins the chess championships.

2124 UT: The Music Slot. The Mistilla (?) and with "Get Out", sung in English.

2130 UT: Keyword Bulgaria. The last Sunday of September is marked as World Day of the Heart. The cases of heart disease are increasing and the people affected are getting younger. Feature on Verocha (?), the nicer quarters of the town of Blagoevgrad.

2140 UT: Time Out for Music. In this 20 minute section we were treated to some Bulgarian rock ëní roll from the 60s. It centred around one composer from the Macedonian part of Bulgaria who wrote film soundtracks and over 200 pop songs. It was good, solid-sounding quality 60s music. One track sounded quite psychedelic. Songs included "The Green Eyed Girl" from 1965 and "White Silence" from 1969.

These are my findings for this monthís edition of Listening in. Iím actually on Radio Bulgariaís mailing list and, each new season, they send me a broadcast schedule which depicts a different part of Bulgaria. For the October 29th 2006 to March 25th 2007 leaflet I got a lovely 70th anniversary schedule with a picture of some mountains

touched by clouds and snow. Also, with that schedule, I got a programme grid which is still remarkably accurate for the 2100 UT hour long broadcast.

Other programmes are Magazine Economy, The Way We Live, Walks and Talks and Answering Your Letters (with Danilea Konstantinova, left). The last two, and also Folk Studio, are fortnightly shows and are interchangeable with other programmes. Email: english @ bnr.bg

Have a good listen and tell me what you think at the e-mail address above. Until next time, happy listening and 73s (Darren Rozier, Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** BULGARIA. 35th anniversary of Plovdiv-Padarsko today November 18, 2009 (Ivo Ivanov, R. Bulgaria, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST) The main RB transmitter site, with some photos of their huge curtain arrays (gh)

** BURKINA FASO. 5030, Radio Burkina, 2157-2206, Presumed with OM/YL in French, African music. Good 07 Nov (Don Moore, Brighton MI, MARE DX-pedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5030, RTV Burkina (Ouagadougou), 2218-2254, 11/10/2009, French. Weak signal with West African music occasionally heard from 2218-2225 under very heavy low side interference from R. Rebelde. Gone until 2250-2254, when a man and a woman were heard talking in French. Very marginal signal, but no doubt RTV Burkina (Jim Evans, Germantown TN, RX-340, Random Wires, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5030, Radio Burkina, 2350-2400*, Nov 13, Threshold/very weak signal with Afro-pop music. Sign off with National Anthem. Heard Nov 12 signing off with their Balafon IS (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

5030, Radio Burkina (tentative); 2252-2305+, 17-Nov; M&W discussion in French, broken occasionally by full tune; mentioned Ouagadougou. Poor; USB helps a bit with strong Rebelde (presumed) on 5025 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW + (new) 86 ft. coil dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMEROON. 6005, CRTV at 1450 1 September(?), trade announcement in English, SINPO 32322; also at 1410 9 September(?), sp[orting?] commentary in French/English, 34333 (Dzever Ishenge, Benue State, Nigeria, Nov World DX Club Contact via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

6005 = Buea. This station is absent from Aoki, even tho it lists plenty of long-gone Latin American stations, also missing from EiBi, WRTH 2009, and of course HFCC. Despite periodic reports in WDXC and

DXLD confirming that it is active. Is anyone paying attention? (gh)

** CANADA [and non]. Now I`ve heard everything: CBC`s RCI interfering co-channel with CBC`s CKZU Vancouver 6160: Nov 12 at 1358 the RCI IS alternating English and French IDs on top of the frequency but the rippling SAH caused by Vancouver being a couple dekaHertz off. Had to monitor 8GAL at 1400, but recheck at 1401 found 6160 in Chinese, site? 1459 RCI IS audible again instead of CKZU. The 14-15 hour is scheduled as RCI Mandarin via Kimjae, KOREA SOUTH, 100 kW non-direxional. But I bet it is also capable of ruining CKZU`s reception even in remote parts of target area BC. Did it even occur to RCI`s frequency planners that this might present a problem? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [and non]. Glenn, As you asked, I am passing along what looks like the next, and final chapter of the Arabic vs. fill music saga. According to a report from Radio Canada International, they confirmed that there was a problem with the scheduling at their Master Control Room in Montreal. The schedule they had was feeding the wrong program to the transmitter in Sackville. So, it was not a VT Communications problem after all, but rather the problem took place in Canada. They (VT) are calculating the credit memo now. Regards, (Roger G. Stubbe, HCJB, Colorado Springs, CO 80907-3405, Nov 13, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ECUADOR [non]

** CANADA. RADIO CANADA SHORTWAVE SERVICE AUDIO ARCHIVES

Some great audio clips are now available at:
http://archives.cbc.ca/arts_entertainment/media/clips/10982/
(Harold Sellers, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. The Fan 960 Calgary --- This is a station that gets out AMAZINGLY well. I am listening to the same hockey broadcast right now [timestamp Nov 10 9:18 PM ñ zone???? gh], and it is giving KMA in Shenandoah, Iowa FITS. And KMA's transmitter is a mere 50 miles (give or take a few) from my QTH. 73, (Rick Dau, Omaha, Neb., Sony ICF-2010, + Quantum Loop, ABDX via DXLD) CFAC

I'll go out on a limb (well maybe a steel reinforced one) and state that I have extreme doubts that these guys use proper night facilities. Ditto for CHRB 1140, CKWX 1130, CJDC 890 and CKST 1040.

73 KAZ Barrington IL where all 5 seem far too common for listed night rigs and where they don't seem to weaken at their sunset switch times when conditions are good enough to get them pre-sunset (Neil Kazaross, Nov 12, ibid.)

Kaz - All these stations recycle their used coffee grounds and pumpkin

guts and sprinkle same on their ground system on the night of the first full moon prior to Thanksgiving, that is to say Canadian Thanksgiving. But then, 1410 WPOP in Hartford CT comes into Nova Scotia at night like it is 50 kW, not 5 kW (Phil Rafuse, PEI, ibid.)

** CANADA [and non]. Unlit towers - pilots, residents and cows take notice --- I happened to drive by the three old 630 CFCY towers in Cornwall PEI on the night of November 14, 2009 and noticed that none of the tower lights were working.

I'm wondering if Transport Canada has changed the regulations - these towers, and a lot of towers a lot shorter than these, always used to have red obstruction lights visible at night. Apparently, the cows that graze at the bottom of these old towers have not reported this. (Phil Rafuse, PEI, Nov 16, ABDX via DXLD)

I wonder if most stations have some way of monitoring their tower lights. The last 2 weekends I've noticed the center tower of KSPN to be out. It was working again last night though.

I'm sure it *can* be done, but *is* it done? You could monitor voltages and/or current, you could have a security cam aimed at the towers, or you could even have some kind of photo-cell that monitors each light directly. I woner what a typical station would do (Brian Leyton, CA, ibid.)

I haven't done this yet, but I'd go to think many stations have a remote control unit for the transmitter site that monitors tower lights, transmitter parameters, DA parameters and other statuses as applicible. For my FM stations (translator and Class A) I'm a tenant and do not own the tower. On my AM, the twin towers are each 150 feet, and don't require lighting. Many of these modern units can phone and or email designated recipients when an out of parameter condition occurs (Ron Gitschier, Palm Coast, FL, ibid.)

I think the typical method is by current monitoring. If the current is too low a fault is generated (Jerry Lenamon, Waco TX, ibid.)

** CHILE. See ECUADOR [non]

** CHINA. CHBC, QSY to 5050 kHz (ex 6185) from Nov. 9 received at +0830-1300* UT. Therefore China Guangxi Beibu Bay Radio is KO'ed until 1300.

5050 kHz 2230-1300 (not Wed. 0400-0800) 107.1 FM, 873 MW 2230-1500
de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, Nov 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHBC started the s/on at 2230 UT on Nov. 11 on former freq at 6185

kHz. Would an objection from BBR? or mistransmission? de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, ibid.)

Schedules following by the monitoring of Nov. 11 & 12.
5050 kHz 1000-1300 UT
6185 kHz 2230-1000
de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, Nov 12, ibid., WORLD OF RADIO 1487)

Hi Sei-ichi, Dan Sheedy has also noted them on 5050. He heard dueling 5+1 pips at 1100 on Nov. 8, with Beibu Bay Radio (BBR) English IDs and also an UNID station in Chinese; then Vietnamese heard via BBR and Chinese heard underneath.

I can certainly see the need to move away from 6185, due to the strong presences there of the Voice of Korea, but surely they could have picked a better frequency.

So CHBC no longer broadcast on SW after 1300? In the past they switched over to 4830 after the 1300 sign off on 6185 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, USA, ibid.) see also EAST TURKISTAN

** CHINA. 3985.00, 1440-1505 Sat 07.11, China Business R, Ge'ermu, English lesson: "How to be the CVO of your life?", (Scheduled Sa/Su 1430-1500), 1457 song, 1500 time signal and Chinese programme, 45344 heard // 6065 (15222), 6155 (13111), 7315 (23232), 7370 (25333), 7375 (25222) and 7425 (32433) (Anker Petersen, from Skovlunde, Denmark, done on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) see also TIBET

** CHINA [and non]. Firedrake Nov 12 at 1351: just barely audible on 9000, inaudible on 8400, 10210.

Firedrake Nov 13 at 1433: nothing on 8400, 9000 but good on 10210. Around 1530 Nov 14: none of them.

15385 with CNR1 echo-jamming plus other noise, SAH, all to prevent the Voice of America, in Mandarin via Tinang, Philippines, being heard by the oppressed Chinese people, who if they knew the truth might rise up and overthrow their Communist masters, who obviously don`t have any confidence they would be chosen in free elexions, Nov 14 at 0013 and same at 0054.

Firedrake Nov 15: at 1425 nothing on 8400, very poor on 9000; did not check 10210 until 1458 when it was best, i.e. merely poor with heavy flutter.

Nov 16 at 1415, good but heavy flutter on 8400 and 9000, fair on 10210 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake against SOH, 0012, Nov. 15 and 0049, Nov. 16:
9000 // 13970 // 15140 // 15300 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Nov 17 at 1415: 8400 poor, 9000 fair, 10210 poor, and on the edge of OTH radar pulses 10190-10215, unusual. Since these were of the 25-kHz-bandwidth variety, probably Cyprus rather than China.

Firedrake Nov 18 at 1433: poor on 8400, nothing audible on 9000 or 10210 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Unusual jamming activity, Nov. 18. 5930, strong Firedrake (FD), along also weak CNR-1 echo jamming against VOA; scheduled from 1500 to 1530; in Uzbek. Noted here at 1518, but off by 1545 re-check. FD // 8400. Think this is the lowest frequency I have ever heard a FD.

15070, strong CNR-1 echo jamming against unidentified station underneath. Against who? Heard at 1519, but off by 1546. On from 1500 to 1530? (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. After R. Nikkei is done with 6055, latest at 1400, else is to be heard: Nov 12 at 1404 something in Vietnamese, I thought, but Cambodian is scheduled from CRI via Nanning. I can normally tell them apart if I pay attention a bit longer. Strangely, R. Liberty in Turkmen via Thailand is also scheduled on 6055 from 1400, but no sign of it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 17710, CRI English at 0737 Nov 14 with Heartbeat, fair signal. Not something you would expect to hear in the nightmiddle from Beijing site aimed 193 degrees. 19m was also hopping with Eurasian signals (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. 9565, surprised to hear Cuban music, Nov 17 at 1555, poor signal and not // RHC or R. MartÌ, tho the latter uses 9565 later. No DentroCuban jamming either at this early hour! Listening carefully for announcement at 1559: it`s in Chinese, 1600 open carrier and then off. So, what else, it must be CRI Turkish service as scheduled via ALBANIA. Tho also at 15-16 is scheduled RFI in Vietnamese via Taiwan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENINGN DIGEST)

** CHINA. OTH radar pulsing, presumed from here, Nov 12: at 1405 on 5075-5125, and same rate/pitch also on 4025-4075. A different higher pitch and faster rate on 4565-4645.

8025-8080, Over the horizon radar pulsing, presumed from here, Nov 13 at 1432 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4805-4865, OTH radar pulses presumed from China, 1408 + 1427, Nov. 16 and also 6915-7000. By 1515 had switched to 5055-5150 and was gone from 4805-4865 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 10000/AM, BPM China: time station Chinese announcements barely heard, but CW BPM repeated several times during minute :29 and heard very clearly. Well under both PPE and WWV, but the first time I've heard this in a dog's age -- I know I first heard them in 1984, but I don't recall the last time -- have to finish entering my log into the computer so I can search :)! 2225-2235 6/Nov (Ken Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. 5910, Marfil EstÈreo with ID as soon as I intuned, Nov 15 at 0035, ``sÛlo Èxitos``, which seems hyperbole as they`ve got to work in the evangelism somehow. Good signal in the clear; in fact, looking over the schedules, it seems that 5910 is pretty clear for 1 kW HJDH all night 2300-1200 except for Romania at 0100-0300. What luck, as Colombia para Cristo does not participate in HFCC, and you`d think this `open` frequency would be pounced on by more of the big boys (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA [non]. I`m sick of correcting totally wrong logs put out by Stewart MacKenzie to numerous lists and bulletins; now just sit back and watch who publishes them without question, such as this one:

COLOMBIA, Radio Nacional Colombia-RNC 12050 2240 Spanish 444 Nov 10 YL and OM with comments. OM mentions "Papa" and Basillica and Cristo often. YL with RNC ID 2259. YL with pop music vocals 2301. [Mackenzie] (Japan Premium Nov 14 via DXLD)

Axually, RNC has been off shortwave for sesquidecades, and the Spanish station on 12050 at this hour is WEWN. The ``ID`` was probably Radio CatÛlica Nacional (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, Iwata Gaku via a dxer friend Yimber Gaviria, comment about info published in your bulletin Japan Premiun signed by Mackenzie

Radio Nacional de Colombia no named RNC it's RTVC (Radio Television de Colombia), they left the SW many years ago; I think that Mackenzie listen was Radio Catolica Mundial RCM in spanish or WEWN from Alabama, USA. Words as "papa" "basilica" and "Cristo" are comun in the programation from this station

Good DX, Rafael RodrÌguez R.,
Bogot· D.C. - COLOMBIA
Mon, November 16, 2009 6:31:29 PM

(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, cc to DXLD)

** COLOMBIA [and non]. RESPONDEN A QUEJA DE VENEZUELA POR EMISORAS DEL EJ…RCITO COLOMBIANO --- Caracol | Noviembre 12 de 2009

Voceros oficiales respondieron a la queja del Ministerio de Comunicaciones de Venezuela sobre la penetraciÛn de la seÒal de las emisoras del EjÈrcito colombiano en su territorio.

Fuentes institucionales seÒalaron a Caracol Radio que el EjÈrcito tiene en el paÌs 62 emisoras de las cuales al menos siete est·n en zonas de frontera.

Las emisoras m·s cercanas a Venezuela est·n ubicadas en Maicao, Puerto CarreÒo, Arauca, Mocoa, San JosÈ del Guaviare y C˙cuta, esta ˙ltima es la m·s prÛxima a territorio venezolano.

Los voceros seÒalaron que esta emisora tiene todos los documentos en regla con el Ministerio de Comunicaciones y cuenta con seis kilovatios de potencia, de los cuales sÛlo esta trabajando con tres.

Inclusive a comienzos de aÒo se cambio el dial de la emisora para no afectar las comunicaciones en el vecino paÌs SeÒalaron que no es posible redireccionar las antenas para que la seÒal sÛlo se disperse en una direcciÛn y que asÌ como en C˙cuta se escuchan emisoras venezolanas es normal que en el vecino paÌs se pueda escuchar la seÒal de las emisoras nacionales.

Inclusive se conociÛ que en territorio colombiano se escuchan al menos 16 emisoras venezolanas.

Fuente: Caracol Radio http://www.caracol.com.co/nota.aspx?id=909115
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** COLOMBIA [and non]. DENUNCIAN TRANSMISIONES DE UNA EMISORA SUBVERSIVA EN LA FRONTERA COLOMBO-VENEZOLANA

El dirigente de la oposiciÛn, Carlos Casanova, pidiÛ a las autoridades investigar a la estaciÛn radial que penetra a determinadas horas en una emisora de JunÌn, en el sector 'La Quiracha'.

"Le corresponde al ministerio de Comunicaciones, Conatel, Disip y Dim investigar las transmisiones que se empiezan a escuchar en Rubio", seÒalÛ Casanova. ExplicÛ que las emisiones de estas transmisiones vienen desde la selva colombiana, seg˙n el contenido.

Los dÌas jueves interrumpe en diversas horas del dÌa, mientras que los s·bados en las tardes vuelven con nuevas transmisiones, interrumpiendo

la misma frecuencia, 96.8 MHZ de JunÌn.

Casanova cree que estas circunstancias deben ser investigadas para evitar que transmisiones ilegales e insurgentes interrumpan las seÒales de los operadores de radio establecidos en Venezuela, y que es necesario prevenir a las autoridades de lo que est· pasando en esta zona fronteriza.

"Se considerarÌa una pÈrdida de soberanÌa que estas radios clandestinas en Colombia, encontraran la manera de ser escuchadas de forma ilegal en Venezuela", puntualizÛ el dirigente opositor.

Casanova hizo el llamado a los organismos competentes para que brinden apoyo tÈcnico a las emisoras penetradas en su transmisiÛn y asÌ regular y controlar la asignaciÛn de frecuencias en Venezuela; "frente a la pÈrdida de soberanÌa y la presencia de paramilitares y guerrilleros, es indispensable que cosas como las que se denuncian aquÌ se investiguen y se detengan", dijo.

AgregÛ que "las cosas que pasan en Colombia ahora est·n pasando aquÌ y es importante que detengamos el traslado de las condiciones de violencia de Colombia hacia Venezuela", precisÛ Casanova.

JunÌn es uno de los 29 municipios que forman parte del Estado T·chira en Los Andes de Venezuela. Su capital es la poblaciÛn de Rubio. Tiene una extensiÛn de 315 kilÛmetros cuadrados, seg˙n estimaciones del Instituto Nacional de EstadÌstica (INE), su poblaciÛn para el aÒo 2010 ser· de 87.877 habitantes.

C/CUTA Fuente: El Tiempo [sin fecha]
http://www.eltiempo.com/colombia/oriente/denuncian-transmisiones-de-una-emisora-subversiva-en-la-frontera-colombo-venezolana_6550967-1
(Via Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, Nov 17, DXLD)

** CONGO. R. Congo, Brazzaville, observed on 6115 on 12 and 13 Oct from about 1730 fade-in until apparent close around 1840. Difficult reception under co-channel Belarus, but several clear ``Radio Congo`` IDs heard during peaks, using southerly beverage aerial. Programming in vernaculars at first with lively soukous music, then news in French at 1800, communiquÈs at 1825 and various political reports until abrupt close of transmitter around 1840 (Dave Kenny, Alan Pennington, Sheigra, Scotland DXpediton 2-17 Oct, Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** CONGO DR. [non]. via Meyerton, South Africa, 11690, Radio Okapi, *0359-0425+, Nov 13, sign on with Afro-pop music. Opening French and vernacular announcements. ID jingles. French talk at 0400. Fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** COOK ISLANDS. 630 is running at 1/2 power (Walt Salmaniw, visiting NZ, Nov 14, full report under NEW ZEALAND, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. 2859.6, Radio San Carlos, 2356-0011 pop music, program promos, e.g. "el programa Happy Weekend" for kids. Several IDs. 07/08 Nov. [2 x 1430v]

DXPedition Logs: Don Moore at MARE DXpedition at Brighton State Recreation Area, near Brighton, Michigan, USA, 06 to 08 Nov 2009. Receiver: Eton E-1 with four antennas - a 160 meter NE BOG, a 120 meter N BOG, a 12 x 6 meter Conti loop, and a vertical spiral. Also had an SDR-IQ and laptop which was used to make a number of 190 kHz wide recordings, mostly of the longwave band and top-of-hour recordigs of parts of the MW band, although a few shortwave ranges were also recorded. Have just started to go through these. I think my retirement will be spent listening to 15 year old SDR recordings (Don Moore, Nov 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Don`s full (so far) SW DXpedition report appeared in the dxldyg. In this issue see also: BRAZIL, BURKINA, CUBA, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, TADJIKISTAN, UNID 7425. Some similar logs from others there already non-delayed in 9-080. (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. CUBA ORDERS EXTREME MEASURES TO CUT ENERGY USE
http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N11371755.htm

HAVANA, Nov 11 (Reuters) - Cuba has ordered all state enterprises to adopt "extreme measures" to cut energy usage through the end of the year in hopes of avoiding the dreaded blackouts that plagued the country following the 1991 collapse of its then-top ally, the Soviet Union.

In documents seen by Reuters, government officials have been warned that the island is facing a "critical" energy shortage that requires the closing of non-essential factories and workshops and the shutting down of air conditioners and refrigerators not needed to preserve food and medicine.

Cuba has cut government spending and slashed imports after being hit hard by the global financial crisis and the cost of recovering from three hurricanes that struck last year.

"The energy situation we face is critical and if we do not adopt extreme measures we will have to revert to planned blackouts affecting the population," said a recently circulated message from the Council of Ministers.

"Company directors will analyze the activities that will be stopped and others reduced, leaving only those that guarantee exports, substitution of imports and basic services for the population," according to another distributed by the light industry sector.

President Raul Castro is said to be intent on not repeating the experience of the 1990s, when the demise of the Soviet Union and the loss of its steady oil supply caused frequent electricity blackouts and hardship for the Cuban public.

The directives follow government warnings in the summer that too much energy was being used and blackouts would follow if consumption was not reduced.

All provincial governments and most state-run offices and factories, which encompasses 90 percent of Cuba's economic activity, were ordered in June to reduce energy use by a minimum of 12 percent or face mandatory electricity cuts.

The measures appeared to resolve the crisis as state-run press published stories about the amount of energy that had been saved and the dire warnings died down. The only explanation given for the earlier warnings was that Cuba was consuming more fuel than the government had money to pay for.

The situation is not as dire as in the 1990s because Cuba receives 93,000 barrels per day of crude oil, almost two-thirds of what it consumes, from Venezuela. It pays for the oil by providing its energy-rich ally with medical personnel and other professionals.

Cuba has been grappling with the global economic downturn, which has slashed revenues from key exports, dried up credit and reduced foreign investment.

The communist-run Caribbean nation also faces stiff U.S. sanctions that include cutting access to international lending institutions, and it is still rebuilding from last year's trio of hurricanes that caused an estimated $10 billion in damages.

In response, the government has cut spending, slashed imports, suspended many debt payments and frozen bank accounts of foreign businesses. It reported last week that trade was down 36 percent so far this year due mainly to a more than 30 percent reduction in imports (via Brandon Jordan, Nov 11, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

Extreme enough to halt the jammers? Doubtful (Brandon Jordan, TN,

ibid.)

You said it. If anything, jamming could even be increased. A cargo ship that left the Tianjin port in August on its way to Cuba has two containers filled with radio transmitting equipment donated by the Chinese government (Keith Perron, Taiwan, ibid.) Surely it`s arrived by now (gh)

** CUBA. UNID, 6110 at 1122 - Didn't bother to try to figure out who this was, but tuned by to hear someone in Spanish say "Stamp collecting isn't like f˙tbol. Every kid needs stamps and a pair of tweezers." I'm glad he cleared up the difference. 08 Nov (Don Moore, Brighton MI, MARE DX-pedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RHC on recent NF; they have a Filatelia show. Not tuizadores, but My Random House dixionary says either pinzas or tenacillas; equivalent to pinchers or little-holders; which did RHC say? (gh, DXLD) See also RADIO PHILATELY

** CUBA [and non]. Read your comments about Cuba for Tuesday evening on SW groups and thought I would add to it. Looking for English on 6000 kc that evening at 0100 UT I heard Sestus Stresno (spelling?) welcoming us to the second hour of English programming for the evening. This is the third time I have heard this since the DST switch.

It seems that RHC is starting their English on 6000 at 0000 UT on some nights. This makes the DX show run at 0237 UT instead of 0137 UT. Like I said, not the first time. They seems to straighten it up by 0500. Not quite sure where the lost/added hour goes.

Also it's a tossup as to where I will find English from 0100 to 0500. Any where from 6000 to 6140. After 0500, 6060 or 6010 usually wins hands down (Steve Cross, OK, Nov 12, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Or, the played the second-hour first at 0100, rather than starting the first hour at 0000. Anyone hear English from 0000? (gh, ibid.)

Looking for anything but Spanish from RHC, Nov 11 at 2109, but only // Spanish to be heard on 13790, 13770, 11800, 11760, 11730, 9660, 6110, something about Nov 11 the anniversary of a XIX Century Cuban historical event. No signals audible on 17660 or 17705.

Sometimes 6060 stays on the air past 0700 in English, but not Nov 12: at 0722 it plus // 6120, 6140 and 6150 all in Spanish.

DentroCuban noise jamming again on 11600, much stronger than

yesterday, at 1608 vs no known target. Why, o why? Possibly 11600 is in use at some other daypart by some hostile broadcaster, or another total screwup at the DCJC, wasting megawatts despite a severe energy crisis in Cuba, according to Ra˙l himself. Turn off your air conditioners and refrigerators, but keep these running! Don`t you believe RHC`s faÁade as a friendly station.

Nov 12 at 2035, strong transmitter on 13790 running open carrier, and still such at 2044, while weaker 13770 was in Spanish programming. As was 9660, the latter quite distorted. The 11760 transmitter is now in its ninth day of not producing two dozen dirty spurs.

Non-Spanish found on one frequency, 11770, at 2037 lexuring in Arabic about JosÈ MartÌ.

11600, no DentroCuban jamming at 1514 Nov 13, unlike the past two days. Perhaps they found out about this mistake from my previous reports and quickly fixed it, but that would be uncharacteristic.

11760, Nov 14 at 0734, VG in Spanish with MUF way up. RHC now in the eleventh day of not producing two dozen spurs from this frequency.

Three 49m channels // Spanish at 0746 Nov 14, but with progressively worse modulation. Clearest wideband on 6150, middling on 6140 and narrowband audio on 6120 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Altho not jamming VOA on 5890, 9885, the DentroCuban Jamming Command was all-out against Radio Rep˙blica on 9810, Nov 15 at 0021 mixing rather equally, which is still unacceptable. See also USA : WRMI, VOA

RHC 11760 at 0643 UT Monday Nov 16, Pedro Sedano`s monthly report on En Contacto, the DX program again heard at an unscheduled time, apparently unknown even to its hosts. He was giving the schedule for Radio Monaco (coastal station relays of commercial FM station), pronouncing French addresses as if they were Castilian and then spelling them out, including info @ naya.mc

Then about threats to R. Praga, RVi already off SW, LV de TurquÌa Spanish schedule, apparently incorrect; see TURKEY. His segment ran until 0650, then various mailbag items and comments from Manolo & Malena until over at 0656, so started circa 0641. The 25m RHC signal continues to inboom in the nightmiddle.

Now it`s hammering rather than phoneringing in the background of RHC programming: Nov 16 at 0707, one frequency, 6060, continued in prolonged English, while 6120, 6140 and 6150 were in Spanish. Edward ``Ed Newman`` Hasse ignored the hammering as any good announcer must do when there is no alternative. There was also CCI on 6060, most

likely SRDA Curitiba, Brasil, slightly off-frequency, which should have been clearly audible absent RHC.

11760 is now in its thirteenth day of not producing two dozen spurs, Nov 16, but other anomalies are upshowing. At 1456 I was barely hearing RHC Spanish on 11790, not a spur from distorted 11800. The most obvious explanation would be a leapfrog of 11730 over 11760, but 11790 stayed on during a transmission break at 1459 on 11760; and besides, 11730 and 11760 had been an echo apart from the different transmitter sites. A few minutes earlier could also hear RHC circa 11495, did not measure, but not accompanied by spurs every 50-55 kHz from there to 11760, so 11495 may have been receiver overload.

At 1504, on 13770 RHC Spanish could hear CRI English underneath, mixing in from the 13740 transmitter. This is not usually the case. On 13710, the leapfrog of 13770 over 13740, could hear both English and Spanish in addition to the victim Saudi Arabia in Arabic, with a variable SAH circa 5 Hz (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RHC on 6000 khz at 0207 UT Nov 17 --- Glenn, our friend Ed Newman's phone is ringing in the background again and he just called Donald Rumsfeld "Ronald Dumsfeld". What's going on there? 73 (Sean Welsh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Someone trying to warn him about oonerspisms? I`ve heard him do that before, so is it intentional? Not so many opportunities any more, sob.

RHC check Nov 17 at 0643: this time 6140 in English but much weaker than // 6060 and 6010. 6150 and 6120 in Spanish. 11760 also audible in Spanish, now in its fourteenth day of not producing two dozen spurs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Oh my --- apparently the incessant phone is back at Radio Havana Cuba: 6000, RHC English News read by Ed Newman (Noonan?) and in the background, yes, the electronic warble phone that was first noted a couple weeks ago! What in the world is going on with RHC`s audio chain and how does this get into the audio before the transmitter? The last time this went on for a couple of days before it stopped. I wonder what this one is going to take? 0403-0410 18/Nov/09 (Ken Zichi, Williamston MI, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Theories on this abound in previous DXLDs (gh)

RHC language usage check Nov 18 at 0620: 6140 in Spanish this time // 6150 and 6120; 6060 and 6010 in English, no phone-ringing or hammering audible at the moment. At 0631, 11760 also with VG signal in Spanish, now in its fifteenth day of not producing two dozen spurs (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also ALBANIA [and non]

** CUBA. Finally we have the `official` B-09 schedule:

RADIO HABANA CUBA HORARIOS, BANDAS Y FRECUENCIAS
(De noviembre de 2009 a marzo de 2010)

ZONAS GEOGRAFICAS	FRECUENCIAS	HORARIOS UT
[ESPA—OL]		
RÌo de Janeiro	15360 / 19 m	1100 - 1500
	13790 / 22 m	2100 - 2300
		0200 - 0500
Norte, Centro y SuramÈrica	11760 / 25 m	1100 - 2000
		2400 - 1100
	6150 / 49 m	0500 - 1300
	6110 / 49 m	1100 - 0500
Nueva York	6180 / 49 m	1100 - 1300
	6060 / 49 m	2400 - 0500
San Francisco	13780 / 22 m	1300 - 1500
Chicago	6140 / 49 m	2400 - 0500
		0700 - 1100
	9600 / 31 m	1100 - 1300
	13680 / 22 m	1300 - 1500
Buenos Aires	6060 / 49 m	0700 - 1000
	9600 / 31 m	2300 - 0500
	13770 / 22 m	1100 - 2300
		2400 - 0500
	15120 / 19 m	1100 - 1500
AmÈrica Central	6120 / 49 m	2330 - 0500
	11730 / 25 m	1300 - 2200
	11800 / 25 m	1100 - 2400
Antillas	6120 / 49 m	0500 - 1100
	9660 / 31 m	2030 - 2300
	11690 / 25 m	1430 - 2000
Chile	11690 / 25 m	2300 - 0500
Europa	11770 / 25 m	2100 - 2300
AL" PRESIDENTE [irregular, SUNDAYS only!]		
Chicago	13750 / 22 m	1400 - 1800
Centro AmÈrica	13680 / 22 m	1400 - 1800
Antillas	11690 / 25 m	1400 - 1800
Chile	12010 / 25 m	1400 - 1800
RÌo de Janeiro	17750 / 16 m	1400 - 1800
MESA REDONDA [usually certain weekdays only, times vary]		
Chicago	9640 / 31 m	2230 - 2400
Washington	6000 / 49 m	2230 - 2400

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA INGLES (ENGLISH)

Norte, Centro y SuramÈrica	11760 / 25 m	2030 - 2130	[or Spanish]
Rio de Janeiro	13790 / 22 m	2300 - 2400	
San Francisco	6010 / 49 m	0500 - 0700	
Chicago	6140 / 49 m	0500 - 0700	
Washington	6000 / 49 m	0100 - 0700	
New York	6060 / 49 m	0500 - 0700	

[6060 or 6140 often extends well beyond 0700]

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA FRANCES

Norte, Centro y SuramÈrica	11760 / 25 m	2000 - 2030
		2130 - 2200
RÌo de Janeiro	13790 / 22 m	2400 - 0100
		0130 - 0200

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA PORTUGUES

RÌo de Janeiro	17705 / 16 m	2200 - 2230
		2300 - 2330
Buenos Aires	13770 / 22 m	2300 - 2400
Europa	11770 / 25 m	2000 - 2030

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA ARABE

Europa	11770 / 25 m	2030 - 2100

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA ESPERANTO [UT SUNDAYS ONLY]

Norte, Centro y SuramÈrica	11760 / 25 m	1500 - 1530	
San Francisco	6010 / 49 m	0700 - 0730	
RÌo de Janeiro	13790 / 22 m	2400 - 2430	[UT Monday?]

TRANMISIONES EN IDIOMA CREOLE [huh? How about HaÔti]

RÌo de Janeiro	13790 / 22m	0100 - 0130

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA GUARANI

RÌo de Janeiro	17705 / 16 m	2230 - 2300
Buenos Aires	17705 / 16 m	2330 - 2400

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA QUECHUA

Buenos Aires	17705 / 16 m	2400 - 2430

(via Maruf Dewan, Nov 17, dxldyg via Glenn Hauser, who spent considerable time tidying this up for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. RHC versus VOA comments at WOR

Re 9-079: ``Dear Mr Hauser, I visited RHC one afternoon and met Ed Newman. He is from the Kansas City area. Without any prior notice, I walked in to the rundown building and met a guard. He called someone

and I was escorted via creaky elevator into the rundown building. There I met several RHC staff. I was shown around their library, radio rooms and was made to feel at home. Ed Newman was very kind.

Later I was in D.C. area, and uninvited, tried to visit VOA, and could not get into the building! Armed guards told me I must have written permission to come into the building! So much for our freedom! Cuba was a great place for me to visit.``

I just read this posting. Something this person does not realize is RHC is totally different to the VOA. Of course RHC's doors are open; Cuba is not on any terrorist lists.

But I can tell you if you were a Cuban your welcome would have been less than welcome. Cubans are often turned away. RHC and the Cuban government are very worried about dissidents walking into the station and interfering with a live broadcast. Most international broadcasts I've visited or worked at have tight security. For example CRI has very tight security. Why? Dissidents. If you`re a foreigner, it's much easier to visit CRI than if you`re a Chinese citizen. But if you take RCI, RNW or Radio Sweden you can more or less just walk in from the street.

The security at the VOA has nothing to do with freedom. It's the VOA and because of the United States` position in the world with so many people in certain countries wishing harm to the US, tight security is needed. Just like in the UK with the BBC. So I feel saying "So much for our freedom! Cuba was a great place for me to visit" is a little misguided.

Ed Newman (a.k.a. Edward Hasse) who joined RHC in 1993, or myself when I was there, could walk into almost every government building and no one bats an eye. But if you`re Cuban, they would ask for IDs and a million questions why you want to enter. I can tell you that if you went to RHC with a Cuban friend, it would not have been so easy to get in. When I was at RHC I remember twice one South African and one Brit were allowed in, but the Cuban friends that were with them had to wait in the street.

I've visited the VOA twice and had no problem getting in. I just called the day before and someone was waiting at the main door to welcome me in. Last time I was in Hilversum at RNW I told a friend I was coming by for lunch and she was at the door and I walked in.

Again the VOA and broadcasters like the BBC, RFI and others are in a different position. And as I said, it has nothing to do with freedom
(Keith Perron, Taiwan, ex-RHC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re ``But if you take RCI, RNW or Radio Sweden you can more or less just walk in from the street.``

That's not true at RNW. . . (Andy Sennitt, ibid.: see NETHERLANDS)

I didn't mean that in the literal sense (Keith Perron, ibid.)

I didn't think you did, but I just wanted to make it clear because we don't want people turning up at the door unannounced saying they read on the Internet that they could walk in off the street :-) (Andy Sennitt, Netherlands, ibid.)

I know what you mean. LOL (Keith Perron, ibid.)

Quite a few people told me that Cuba is a great place to visit. Cuban culture is very friendly and it shows in RHC's hospitality to its visiting listeners.

DC is a great city to visit, too. Maybe not as safe as Havana but still highly recommended. Of course, in the US you have to plan in advance. Unlike in some other cultures you can't just show up and expect busy people to drop everything because of your visit.

Anyway, here's a website that will be helpful to every DC visitor who is daring to test "our freedom": http://www.voatour.com/ Just make sure you'll show up on time! :)

BBCWS is notoriously difficult to visit. I guess they have too many listeners who come to London. So I don't blame them. I haven't heard any reports about visiting DW in Bonn.

Other stations such as RFI, VoR, CRI, Polish R., R. Prague, RRI, RSI, R. Belarus, RNW, R. Bulgaria, etc. seem to be very hospitable to visiting listeners from the overseas. But you have to get in touch with those stations in advance! Don't just show up at the door unannounced and expect a grand tour.

Also don't overstay your welcome :) Most external services are strained and people who work there are very busy (Sergei S., IL, ibid.)

Again, like I said, yes they are, but if you`re Cuban you`re treated different. Again who is a threat to RHC? No one except for dissidents in Cuba (Keith Perron, ibid.)

What about "Miami mafia" as a potential threat? ;) Some of those guys sound pretty extreme to me. And in the past there were well-documented cases of CIA involvement in Cuba. So I wouldn't say that Cubans live

in a 100% friendly surroundings.

Perhaps RHC doesn't welcome locals because they are not the station's intended audience. And then there's an issue of petty crime...

It was relatively easy to enter R.Moscow building back in 1980s. But you needed someone from the staff to order a pass for you. Same for foreigners but they always had to be escorted by one of R.Moscow's workers. The security is much tighter these days. Keith, forgot to ask: are there station tours at Happy Station? :) (Sergei S., ibid.)

** CYPRUS. OTH radar pulsing, presumed from here, Nov 12 at 1420 spanning 13955-13980.

10190-10215, OTH radar pulses Nov 17 at 1415, presumed from here, interfering slightly with Chinese Firedrake on 10210 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. 9760, at 2345 [sic] 11 Oct [Sunday], R. Nicosia, OM & YL talking, ID, Greek, 444 (Sam Giles, Belfast, Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

This broadcast is and always has been scheduled Fri-Sat-Sun only at 2215-2245 and does not make DST changes. And did they really ID as Radio Nicosia?? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CZECHIA [and non]. Hi everyone, Support for your favorite shortwave stations is more important than ever -- whether a short note of appreciation for remaining on the bands, or a detailed reception report. EVERYTHING matters! Remember, that most shortwave stations exist because the country's government allows them to. It's all about saving money, so if it's cheaper to operate ONLY on the internet, then that's exactly what might happen. If this doesn't happen, then it's a reduction in target areas or frequencies, or dead silence altogether.

Radio Prague still hasn't made a decision about their radio broadcasting in 2010. Let's give them our support (Tim Marecki, dedicated SWL since 1977, ptsw yg via DXLD)

** DENMARK. 243 kHz: The low power DRM tests here have not been heard for several weeks (ARC Information Desk 9 Nov 2009, Olle Alm, LJUNGBY, Sweden, via DXLD)

** DEUTSCHES REICH [non]. THOSE BEHIND NEO-NAZI RADIO STATION FACE JUDGES --- Right-Wing Extremism | 16.11.2009
http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,4898944,00.html?maca=en-newsletter_en_highlights_mo-2085-txt-nl

Five men and two women appeared before a Berlin court Monday accused of running an Internet radio station that propagated hatred against punks, Jews, foreigners and communists.

On the first day of their trial, the accused, ranging from 20 to 36 years old, were charged with incitement to hatred and running a criminal organization. A police raid on their premises in March seized extensive material connected to German neo-Nazi organizations.

According to prosecutors, the radio station, named European Brotherhood Radio, was founded in 2006 and had broadcast music that included hate slogans against minorities and denied the Holocaust.

It is also thought to have accessed material on the Internet that described how to build a bomb.

Media reports also report that one of the accused, a 31-year-old mother of two, worked as an informant for the constitutional protection authorities in the state of Lower Saxony until shortly before her arrest.

bk/dpa/AP Editor: Kyle James (via Fred Waterer, dxldyg via DXLD)

OK, but if it`s not on the radio it`s not a radio station, duh (gh)

If the same laws were applied in the US, the most popular conservative talk hosts would be serving their long jail terms by now. I guess the same goes true for new EU members in the East (Sergei S., IL, ibid.)

http://de.altermedia.info/general/vs-sender-european-brotherhood-radio-290309_25620.html

Female anchorman Sandra Franke was on payroll of German internal security service "Verfassungsschutz". She changed their surname two times. Wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, ibid.)

Sandra sure doesn't look very happy on that picture. So was it a German-language station? The Russian nationalists would never give a foreign name to their media outlet. I guess fifty years down the road the English words will comprise most of German vocabulary.

I understand that German left forces and punks are holding their annual rally on May 1st in Berlin-Kreuzberg. The eye-witnesses report that it's much more fun to watch them than to disperse them with tear gas (although this is how it finally ends every year since the 1980s). I wonder if EBR said anything critical of that (Sergei S., IL, ibid.)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6025.06, Radio Amanecer Internacional, 1055-

1110, Nov 13, Spanish religious talk. IDs at 1103, 1105. Promos. Poor to fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

6025.0v, R. Amanecer International, 0301-0325*, Nov. 16. Series of full IDs for ìRadio Amanecer Internacionalî; in Spanish with religious songs and sermons; poor-fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EAST TURKISTAN. CHINA. Re: DXLD 9-080 Xinjiang PBS-XJBS
XJBS change to frequency for winter every year on the second Thursday of November, but Nov. 13 does not change the frequency this year.

On Nov. 13:
Chinese *2330- 5960, 7260, 7310, 11770
Uighur *2330- 6120, 7205, 7275, 11885
Kazakh *0000- 6015, 7340
Mongolian *0000- 6190, 7230
de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, Nov 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

XINJIANG PBS WINTER FREQUENCIES: EFFECTIVE FROM 1100 UT ON NOV. 19.

New frequency on 3950 3990 4330 4500 4980 5060 kHz.

Uighur 2330-1800 (not Tu. Th. 0800-1100)
 3990 2330-0300, 1200-1800
 4980 2330-0300, 1200-1800
 6120 2330-0300, 1200-1800
 7205 2330-0227, 1227-1800
 7275 0300-1200
 9560 0300-1200
11885 0300-1200
13670 0227-1227

Chinese 2330-1800 (not Tu. Th. 0800-1100)
 3950 2330-0257, 1205-1800
 5060 2330-0300, 1200-1800
 5960 2330-1800
 7260 0257-1205
 7310 2330-0300, 1200-1800
 9600 0300-1200
11770 0300-1200

Mongolian 0000-0330, 0530-1030 (Tu. Th. 0800), 1230-1800
 4500 1230-1800
 6190 0000-0330, 1230-1800
 7230 0000-0330, 0530-1030
 9510 0530-1030

Kazakh 0000-1800 (not Tu. Th. 0800-1100)
 4330 0000-0300, 1155-1800
 6015 0000-0300, 1150-1800
 7340 0300-1155
 9470 0300-1150

Kyrgyz 0330-0530, 1030 (Tu. Th. 1100)-1230
7295 0330-0530, 1030-1230
9705 0330-0530, 1030-1230
de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, Nov 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR [and non]. HCJB DRM noise still audible 15275-15280-15285, Nov 11 at 2055 check, and also Nov 12. To be closed down Nov 15. Does that mean the last transmission will be Nov 14, or 15? And what about Portuguese on 11920 after 00 UT closing Nov 15? Does that mean last broadcast is UT Nov 14, 15 or 16? Or rather, smoothly transitioning to CVC Chile site.

Roger Stubbe at HCJB HQ Colorado Springs noted our reports that their Arabic program had been replaced by VTC fill music loop on 12025 at 2100-2145 via Sackville, surprising since they had been sending their programs to VTC and assumed they were outgoing. He got on them and had it fixed on Nov 11; after a few minutes of open carrier vying with lite CODAR, I heard Arabic starting at 2100, upcut in progress? But soon with YL ID starting ``Huna Idha`at al-Akbar. . .``

Checked again 24 hours later on Nov 12: 12025 cut on a few sex before 2100, then again seems like JIP opening announcement, and this time I caught the last two words in the long ID, ``. . .fi Mauritaniya``, but still missing the middle ones.

Roger Stubbe says this is HCJB`s own ministry; they just don`t use the meaningless Roman letters in that context. His full explanation of what happened with VTC in DXLD 9-080 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Follow-up: see CANADA

** ECUADOR [non]. EQUADOR VIA CHILE - Os programas em portuguÍs da HCJB Global v„o continuar no ar, entre 16 de novembro e maio de 2010, em ondas curtas, entre 2000 e 21h30min, na hora brasileira, na freq¸Íncia de 11920 kHz. [2200-2330 UT? That`s not right --- gh]

Em mensagem enviada a JosÈ Moacir Portera de Melo, de Pontes e Lacerda (MT), a apresentadora Ingrid Winter agrega que a estaÁ„o poder· estender sua emiss„o por mais 15 minutos, utilizando sempre os retransmissores da Christian Vision, localizados em Santiago, no Chile (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX Nov 15 via DXLD)

/CHILE Additional transmissions of HCJB Global from Nov. 16:

2245-2300 on 11920 SGO 050 kW / 025 deg to Brasil in Kulina
2300-0045 on 11920 SGO 050 kW / 025 deg to Brasil in Portuguese
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD) Not additional, but instead of, direct from Pifo on same frequency at longer hours (gh, DXLD)

It`s UT 18 November, so HCJB should have closed down its last major transmitter at Pifo and transferred the Portuguese service on 11920 to relay via CVC Calera de Tango, CHILE. At 0030 there is Portuguese, but not as good as before, now with some flutter. Similar signal from CVC itself in Spanish on 9745. Of course, we`re way off target-Brasil, both from the perspective of Ecuador and Chile. One schedule shows the Brasilian service ending at 0045, but not confirmed, some uncertainty about its duration, from 2300? What about Kulina which had been at 2245? Could not hear HCJB direct on 6050 at 0030, but only checked so far on the portable in the yard. That`s being transferred from Pifo to Pichincha site, still within Ecuador (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. Colegas. Desculpem-me a insistÍncia, mas estou ouvindo agora as 0115 UT em 9390 khz a Radio Cairo em espanhol e uma YL fala com ·udio completamente entendÌvel e a modulaÁ„o em bom volume. Portanto n„o acho que o problema seja o transmissor, ainda acho que est· durante a gravaÁ„o do programa. Ser· que o operador tÈcnico È o mesmo? Enfim, n„o pretendo mais fazer coment·rios a respeito da Radio Cairo, acho que fizemos o bastante. ¿s 0121 UT iniciam um programa musical apresentado por OM, ‡ modulaÁ„o cai um pouco, mas o ·udio continua entendÌvel. O SINPO 45544 e ser· publicado em meu blog (colocarei l· mais tarde). 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia - Brasil, dxclubepr yg via DXLD)

** EGYPT. EGYPTIAN RADIO & TV UNION (ERTU) BROADCAST ENGINEERING TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE (B09) STARTING ON 25/10/2009

UTC	KHz	METERS	PROGRAM	TARGET AREA
0030-0430	7580	41	ARABIC	E N AMERICA
0045-0200	6270	49	SPANISH	N AMERICA
0045-0200	9390	31	SPANISH	C AMERICA
0045-0200	9915	31	SPANISH	S AMERICA
0200-0330	6270	49	ENGLISH	E N AMERICA
0700-1100	15800	19	GENERAL PROGRAM	W AFRICA
1015-1215	13860	22	ARABIC	M EAST
1215-1330	17870	16	ENGLISH	S ASIA
1230-1400	15710	19	INDONESIAN	S E ASIA
1300-1400	12170	25	DARI	W AFGHANISTAN
1300-1600	15080	19	ARABIC	W AFRICA
1330-1530	11510	25	PERSIAN	IRAN
1400-1600	12170	25	PASHTOU	AFGHANISTAN
1500-1600	9250	31	UZBEKI	UZBEKISTAN
1530-1730	17810	16	SWAHILI	C & E AFRICA

1500-1600	6270	49	ALBANIAN	ALBANIA
1600-1700	15285	19	AFAR	E & C AFRICA
1600-1800	6270	49	URDU	S ASIA
1600-1800	12170	25	ENGLISH	C & S AFRICA
1700-1730	15285	19	SOMALI	E & C AFRICA
1730-1900	15285	19	AMHARIC	E & C AFRICA
1700-1900	6860	49	TURKISH	TURKEY
1700-2300	9250	31	WADI EL NILE	SUDAN
1800-1900	6270	49	ITALIAN	EUROPE
1800-2100	9990	31	HAUSA	W AFRICA
1900-0030	11540	25	VOICE OF THE ARABS	E AFRICA
1900-2000	6860	49	RUSSIAN	W RUSSIA
1900-2000	6270	49	GERMAN	EUROPE
1900-2030	11510	25	ENGLISH	W AFRICA
1900-0700	6290	49	GENERAL PROGRAM	N AMERICA & EUROPE
2000-2200	6860	49	ARABIC	AUSTRALIA
2000-2115	6270	49	FRENCH	EUROPE
2030-2230	9280	31	FRENCH	W AFRICA
2115-2245	6270	49	ENGLISH	EUROPE
2215-2330	9390	31	PORTUGUSE	S AMERICA
2300-0030	7580	22	ENGLISH	W N AMERICA
2330-0045	9390	31	ARABIC	S AMERICA
2330-0045	9250	31	ARABIC	C AMERICA

(via Maruf Dewan, dxldyg via Glenn Hauser, who tidied this up for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5005, Radio Bata, 2109-2145, Best signal ever heard from this one. Listened to off-and-on for 35 minutes. Local music, OM/YL talk. Clear IDs at 2139, 2141. 07 Nov (Don Moore, Brighton MI, MARE DX-pedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 6250, Radio Nac-Malabo, 0548-0615, Nov 15, irregular. Spanish talk. Afro-pop music. Radio Nacional IDs. News program at 0603. Fair to good but occasional rtty QRM.

15190, Radio Africa, 1605-1635, Nov 13, English religious programming. At 1605 and 1635 gave IDs along contact information and mention of e-mail address as radioafrica @ myway.com Fair signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ERITREA. Re 9-080, 5060: Yes, Eritrea seems to be the best bet with various programming including the SBO relay at 15 UT (I have never succeeded in hearing "Radio Bana" programming yet on this fq). FYI: The morning slot starts at 04 UT. 73's (Ilpo Parviainen, Finland, Nov 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, OK, so it is on mornings also after all, I checked it only on a couple of mornings. Now let's see if the non-jammed part can be

identified, BTW, do I remember correctly that also R. Bana on 5100 kHz relayed these jammed programmes? 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yep Mauno, R Bana did that every now and then (Jari Savolainen, ibid.)

** ERITREA. 7210, VOBME, Asmara, program 1, *0354-0415, Nov 14, IS. Talk in unidentified language at 0400. Horn of Africa music. Good level but a poor overall signal due to co-channel QRM (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ERITREA. 7175, VOBME, Asmara, program 2, *0354-0400, Nov 14, IS. Fair to good at sign on but covered by noise jammer at 0359 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ERITREA. 7175, Voice of the Broad Masses (presumed), Asmara, 1547-1600*, 14 Nov, Vernacular, talks, HoA songs, announcements; 45433.

7175, Voice of the Broad Masses, Asmara, 1920-2000*, 14 Nov, Arabic, talks (the words "jamal", "jamalia" used lots of times), both Arabic & western songs, national anthem often mentioning "Eritrea." (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 5980, Voice of Tigray Revolution, *0256-0305, Nov 15, sign on with IS. Vernacular talk at 0301. Instrumental music. Horn of Africa music. Weak. Stronger on // 5950 - but mixing with Okeechobee (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 6030, Radio Oromia not heard on Nov. 16. One more Monday that Cuba did not turn off the jamming. Unable to hear Calgary or Ethiopia. Was checking for the 0321 sign on of Oromia. This is total frustration! Passed the time by listening to R. Amanecer (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [and non]. Noted weak signals talking in unID not // languages on 7110 and 7165, Nov 17 at 1418. These intruders no doubt R. Ethiopia, Addis Ababa on 7110; and on 7165 either Addis or Asmera, ERITREA, in the HOA radio war I cannot sort out; probably long-path (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 9704.2, R. Ethiopia (presumed), 1830 Nov. 15. Talk in presumed Amharic, horn-of-Africa music. Fuzzy audio, occasional splatter, best LSB, sign-off with NA at 2058 (Steve George, MA USA, R8B + 45m long wire, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Just received a full detailed e-mail confirmation from Adera Dimtse Radio (13820 KHz, via Nauen) in only one day after the last reminder. Report sent and answer received from ecadf @

ecadforum.com No v/s, only "Ye Ethiopia Adera Dimtse Radio". And they state that the programme is in Amharic (Artur Fern·ndez Llorella, Catalonia, Spain, Nov 16, HCDX via DXLD)

** EUROPE. Pirates: 6870, R. Playback International, Italy (presumed, but almost certainly there), 1307-, 15 Nov, English, pops; 25342 but improving; \\ 6220, Mystery R with a bit better signal; different program later in the afternoon (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. PIRATE. 7610.05 NF, Radio Amica, 2135-2210, Nov 13, new frequency. ex-7550. Pop music. Italian announcements. ID. Weak signal.

7610.05, Radio Amica, 0050-0105, Nov 15, Euro-pop music. Italian announcements. ID at 0102. Fair. Good signal on peaks (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** EUROPE. FRS on air in November ---

Hello SW Friends, FRS-Holland will be on air next Sunday November 15th 2009. The broadcast will start at 0752 UT / 08.52 CET sharp and close down will be at 1235 UT / 13.35 CET.

Of course we do hope propagation will be satisfactory that day. Programme line-up consists of FRS Magazine, German Service, FRS Goes DX and FRS Golden Show.

In addition an 'old' new presenter will make his debute show on FRS-Holland. We are very happy he has joined our team.
Ingredients....great music, DX News, letters, the day calendar for November 15th, various adior retelated items, the Phrase that Pays and extracts of landbased pirate station of the past.

Radio entertainment on a Sunday. Tune in...7600 kHz/ 39 metres ·nd 5810 kHz / 51 metres (low power only).

Info about the internet stream will be sent later this week.
On Sun Nov. 22nd FRS will be again on with a full repeat of upcoming Sunday's broadcast. Pxs on the 22nd will commence at 1052 UT/ 11.52 CET and 5810 will be replaced by another frequency. More info about that at a later stage.

All letters from the previous broadcasts are handled coming your way very soon (with the brandnew QSL cards). Emails have already been done. The tests on Oct. 4th & 11th produced over 100 reports from all over Europe and beyond. Thanks you all!!

73s, Peter V. (on behalf of the FRS staff)

Address: FRSH, P.O.Box 2702, 6049 ZG Herten in The Netherlands.
Email: < frs.holland @ hccnet.nl >
Free Radio Service Holland is an Independent and Free radio station broadcasting on SW since August 1980. Broadcasts are carried out in Dutch, German & English at an irregular basis on 48 & 41 metres. (via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, Nov 11, dxldyg via DXLD)

EURO-PIRATE. 7599.98, FRS-Holland, 0822-0834, Nov 15, lite pop music. ìFRS-Hollandî IDs. Fair signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** EUROPE. You all probably know of the many SW events tomorrow (Sunday); details at http://www.shortwavedx.blogspot.com

It's nice to have Laser back on again and you will see logs capturing my shows as well.

Meantime the South Herts Radio webstream will be off for a few more weeks while I make some changes. I will be uploading some new stuff onto the listen again players later today including WOR. http://www.southhertsradio.com/again.html

Still no Big L on 1395 AM? There's a message on the KBC website. Keep it all going guys, Love the DX. 73 (Gary, SHR, Nov 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. Atlantic 2000 International will be on the air this Sunday, November 15th, from 1400 to 1600 UT (15:00 to 17:00 CET) on 7610 kHz, and at the same time on our website http://radioatlantic2000.free.fr

Program includes music from the 60's to nowadays, radio news, and the story of The Voice of Peace. Each correct reception report will be confirmed by QSL-card. Atlantic 2000 (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, 1101 UT Nov 15, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** EUROPE. Wireless Waffle has an interesting article on reasons for raids on SW broadcast pirates. http://www.mf2fm.com/blog/

There is a long list of stations giving Date of complaint, Time of complaint,(UTC) . Freq (kHz>) Monitoring Station that produced the complaint. The location of pirate Transmitter. The Station were mentuioned in the monitoring report & reason for the Complaint.

[Moderator: not to be confused with Keith Knight's similarly named blog at http://wireless-waffle.blogspot.com/] (Alan, M0LSX, Nov 14, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD) Viz.: see original for non-wrapped list of stations monitored:

What are the chances (Part II)?
Tuesday 20 October, 2009, 07:29 - Pirate/Clandestine
Posted by Administrator

A previous article on Wireless Waffle talked about the chances of a pirate radio station being caught focussing on VHF FM pirates. A later one focussed on short-wave pirates and discussed which frequencies to avoid in order to minimise getting the authorities' collective danders up.

Over the past 12 months, both Premier Radio (who used 6265 kHz) and Laser Hot Hits (who used 4025 kHz) have had their transmitter sites raided. Bringing together the ethos of the two previous articles, it would make sense that in order for a raid to be worthwhile, even at short-wave, there would have likely been a complaint raised against the station concerned.

So we might, therefore, ask, "Who raised these complaints?" It seems unlikely that major international broadcasters such as the BBC World Service or China Radio International would be at all threatened by pirate operators taking their audience away or causing interference, especially as the frequencies being used by the pirates are not ones being used by an international broadcaster at the time, so there must be another source of complaints.

Across Europe (and indeed the world) there are a series of short-wave (HF) monitoring stations operated by the various national regulatory administrations who produce quarterly reports on their monitoring activities. The purpose of the monitoring and the associated reports is, on the one hand, to check on legitimate users of the HF spectrum, and on the other to identify use which is in contravention to the ITU's rules on spectrum usage. Where an administration identifies contravening transmissions, it can flag these in the reports and, according to the ITU document describing the reports, these will then be forwarded to the administration which is the source of the transmission.

Looking through these reports for the past 12 months (eg [sic] from October 2008 to September 2009), there are a number which relate to various short wave pirates. Specifically:

Date	Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Monitoring Station	Transmitter Location	Station*	Complaint
24 Oct 08	1700-2359	4024.57	Rambouillet, France	UK	Laser Hot Hits	Illegal use of frequency
25 Oct 08	0000-0600	4024.57	Rambouillet, France	UK	Laser Hot Hits	Illegal use of frequency

11 Nov 08 0000-0645 4024.58 Berlin, Germany UK
Laser Hot Hits None
5 Dec 08 0204-0400 4024.60 Tarnok, Hungary Not Identified
Laser Hot Hits Broadcast in non broadcast band
4 Apr 09 1715-2400 4025.00 Berlin, Germany UK
Laser Hot Hits Broadcast in non broadcast band
7 Nov 08 1837-2359 5800.00 Rambouillet, France 8E54 45N29
(Milan, Italy) PLAYBACK INTL Broadcast in non broadcast band
12 Jul 09 0855-1000 5751.51 Rambouillet, France 1W31 51N15
(Andover, UK) Best of British Radio Illegal use of frequency
8 Nov 08 0000-0200 5800.00 Rambouillet, France 8E49 45N23
(Milan, Italy) PLAYBACK INTL Broadcast in non broadcast band
10 Nov 08 2020-2100 5800.00 Tarnok, Hungary Not Identified
Playback International Broadcast in non broadcast band
4 Jan 09 1249-1300 5801.00 Vienna, Austria Italy MILANO
(Playback International) Broadcast in non broadcast band
24 Oct 08 2215-0000 5803.00 Baldock, UK 8E7 45N56 (Milan, Italy)
Playback International None
12 Oct 08 0700-0830 5805.03 Tarnok, Hungary Not Identified
Orion Radio Broadcast in non broadcast band
2 Dec 08 1642 6210.00 Baldock, UK Belgium RADIO
BORDERHUNTER SW Pirate
12 Apr 09 1345 6202.00 Baldock, UK 8E48 50N15 (Frankfurt,
Germany) Crazy Wave Radio Non-Conformity RR.5
15 Feb 09 0949-1120 6219.99 Vienna, Austria Italy MYSTERY
RADIO Broadcast in non broadcast band
15 Feb 09 1356-1429 6219.99 Vienna, Austria Italy PLAYBACK
Broadcast in non broadcast band
12 Apr 09 1815 6220.00 Baldock, UK 10E0 43N50 (Italy)
MYSTERY RADIO Non-Conformity RR.5
9 May 09 1855-1921 6220.00 Vienna, Austria Italy MYSTERY
RADIO Broadcast in non broadcast band
11 Jul 09 1935-2300 6220.00 El Casar, Egypt 11E24 44N27
(Bologna, Italy) Mystery Radio None
31 Jul 09 0000-0030 6220.00 Klagenfurt, Austria Pisa, Italy
Mystery Radio Broadcast in non broadcast band
6 Jan 09 0105 6240.00 Baldock, UK Netherlands
UNDERGROUND RADIO Illicit
17 Feb 09 1654 6240.00 Baldock, UK Netherlands
UNDERGROUND RADIO Illicit
5 Jun 09 2340 6420.25 Baldock, UK 4E46 51N38 (Breda,
Netherlands) Casanova or Dutchwing? Pirate Station
7 Feb 09 1657 6870.00 Baldock, UK 12E20 42N41 (Terni,
Italy) Playback International Non-Conformity RR.5
30 Apr 09 1639 6870.00 Baldock, UK 12E20 42N41 (Terni,
Italy) Playback International Non-Conformity RR.5
8 Feb 09 0857-0933 6870.00 Vienna, Austria 9E38 45N41 (Bergamo,
Italy) PLAYBACK Broadcast in non broadcast band

22 Mar 09 0956-1429 6870.00 Vienna, Austria Italy PLAYBACK
Broadcast in non broadcast band
3 May 09 0845-0940 6870.00 Vienna, Austria Italy PLAYBACK
Broadcast in non broadcast band
4 July 09 2001-2017 6870.00 Vienna, Austria Italy PLAYBACK
Broadcast in non broadcast band
12 Jul 09 0430-2200 6870.00 Tarnok, Hungary USA (!) PLAYBACK
INT. RADIO Broadcast in non broadcast band
14 Feb 09 1425-1443 6878.00 Vienna, Austria Italy PLAYBACK
Broadcast in non broadcast band
21 Feb 09 0700-2040 6880.00 Rambouillet, France 9E54 44N42
(Genova, Italy) Playback International Illegal use of frequency
22 Feb 09 0630-0700 6880.00 Rambouillet, France 11E33 44N21
(Bologna, Italy) Playback International Illegal use of frequency
4 Oct 08 2000-2100 6925.00 Rambouillet, France 20E32 39N4
(Greece) Spider Radio Illegal use of frequency
26 Jul 09 0000-1700 7550.00 Tarnok, Hungary Italy Radio Amica
Broadcast in non broadcast band
29 Aug 09 0620-0700 7550.00 El Casar, Egypt Italy Radio Amica
None
29 Aug 09 0600-0630 7550.00 Klagenfurt, Austria Italy Radio
Amica Broadcast in non broadcast band
18 Feb 09 1218-1220 9385.00 CRMO, South Korea Ireland LASER
HOT HITS Illegal use of frequency
19 Feb 09 1606-1607 9385.00 CRMO, South Korea Not Identified
Laser Hot Hits Illegal use of frequency
28 Feb 09 1130-1300 9385.00 Tarnok, Hungary Not Identified
Laser Hot Hits Broadcast in non broadcast band

* Where the station was identified in the monitoring report, it is shown in CAPITALS. Where no name was given, it has been identified and added in by searching through various on-line logs from the date concerned.

In addition to the above there are one or two other unidentified broadcasts on typical pirate frequencies (e.g. 6447 kHz on 21 August 2009) but there does not seem to be any indication of who they might be (nor do logs help with this).

Clearly there has been a lot of monitoring of Laser Hot Hits going on by various administrations (Laser may be impressed that they were heard in South Korea!) Similarly Mystery Radio and Playback International have also been heavily monitored though the grid references given for their locations seems to vary quite a lot. images rambouillet monitoring station jpgThese stations operate over long periods, usually at weekends but outside these times too, so it is perhaps not surprising that they have been 'caught'. A more interesting question might be why other stations have been monitored.

Was it a chance happening by the administration concerned, or are the frequencies they are using of particular interest to that country?

There are many more questions that these logs raise: How many 'complaints' are necessary before action is taken? Are the locations produced sufficiently accurate to find the transmitters or are other methods necessary? Do the various monitoring stations co-operate to improve the accuracy of locations? Is there a competition between stations and administrations to show how 'bad' their neighbours are being (eg UK complaining about France and France complaining about UK). And perhaps, most importantly, how come Mystery and Playback are still on air?! (via DXLD)

** EUROPE. Programa sobre RADIO EUROPA LIBRE --- Hola a todos-as: Ayer por la noche echaron en el programa LA NOCHE TEM¡TICA un programa sobre RADIO FREE EUROPE / RADIO EUROPA LIBRE que como sabeis los m·s veteranos en la radioescucha era una emisora que retransmitÌa hacia los paÌses de la antigua Europa del Este. LlegÛ a tener un repetidor en Pals (provincia de Gerpna) que yo lo vÌ antes de su demoliciÛn.

øAlguien lo viÛ el citado programa y lo grabÛ? Yo no lo pude ver pues esta semana estoy trabajando, Si es asÌ, que me mande un correo privado pues me gustarÌa tener dicha grabaciÛn. Saludos, (Carlos Iglesia Puig, Nov 15, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

Hola Carlos, en la web e RTVE he encontrado esto donde creo se ve el reportaje
http://www.rtve.es/FRONT_PROGRAMAS?
go=111b735a516af85ccdc4135d9df82c2e123009d61eb00f778b60af793b191c310b014be2c0af0ac
a5a95c28c93765ef3892fdd8568894ecfeda5c958bf8ed60d9c41b017d31b8f57

Saludos (Juan Carlos (Elescucha) http://www.lalistadelafm.com ibid.)

Lo estuve viendo, muy interesante, toda la historia de Radio Europa y Radio Libertad. Ya escribÌ a "la Noche Tem·tica" de TVE para ver si lo repiten o se puede descargar de alg˙n sitio. Tienen la presentaciÛn en video: http://www.rtve.es/programas/lanochetematica
Un saludo (Pepe Bueno, Spain, ibid.)

Full program was Las Dos Caras del Mundo, the other being the Stasi; one eventually finds beyond the long URL above, this segment:

ìPARA RUSIA CON AMOR. RADIO EUROPA LIBRE"
Documental ñ C·nada ñ 2008 ñ 90í
Director: Christian Bauer ProducciÛn: ARTE FRANCE

``Con sede en Munich, Radio Europa Libre comenzÛ a emitir en 1959 [sic] desde la Alemania occidental hacia los territorios de la URSS.

La Guerra FrÌa hizo que la comunicaciÛn entre ambos sectores fuera imposible, esta emisora, prohibida por el gobierno soviÈtico, se convirtiÛ, para muchos ciudadanos, en la ˙nica ventana abierta a occidente`` (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FAROE ISLANDS. 531, Kringvarp F¯roya ´tvarp, Akraberg, 2239-2252, 15 Nov, Faroese, light songs; 32441, QRM de Spain. Semi-parallel (delay) with webpage (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. RFI appears to have revamped its Web site, emphasizing news over radio programming on its home page. While a user can find a list of programs in French, no program schedule can be found. And trying to find broadcast frequencies requires going through two clunky Flash interfaces (Mike Cooper, GA, Nov 15, DXLD)

** FRANCE. 15605, Nov 16 at 1613 news in English, report from David Page on a group of models being misled (kidnapped?) in Rome to hear an anti-Christian lexure about Islam by visiting leader-of-the-revolution Muammar Q`daffy, and they were denied refreshments until he was finished! A perfect story for Mr Page to convey. This is the only frequency left for RFI`s once-ubiquitous English hour at 1600, ex-sesquihour. Fairly good, but bothered by WEWN 15610 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. Frequency change of Radio France International in French:
1700-1757 NF 11965 ISS 500 kW / 200 deg to NWAf, ex 11995
1800-1857 NF 11965 ISS 500 kW / 185 deg to NWAf, ex 11995
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD) and see LIBYA

** GERMANY [non]. In the B09 season, DW will not broadcast in Arabic on SW; instead, they will broadcast in Arabic on FM. In my region there will be two transmitters in Bethlehem, one in Ramallah, one in Amman and one in Beirut. Bethlehem and Ramallah are in the Palestinian Authority near Jerusalem. Israel does not allow foreign broadcasts from its territory. The reason is not money. The reason is there are no listeners to Arabic on SW (David Crystal, Israel, Nov World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

15640, F-G Nov 15 at 0015 with Strine-accented reporter in English interviewing Italians about aftermath of Aquila earthquake. And at 0053 about new shopping center in Prague. Since it`s not // RA 17715 or BBC Singapore 15335, it must be --- DW! Yes, 00-01 via Pet/Kam, Russia, 250 kW, 247 degrees, but audible well enough way over here, something the DW PTB did not count on when they decided to cut off North American SWLs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RUSSIA, Frequency change of Deutsche Welle in Chinese from Nov. 11:

1300-1330 6140 NVS 200 kW / 111 deg, ex 6130 to avoid PBS Xizang Tibetan (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD)

** GHANA [non]. AUSTRIA, - AWR Ghana, via Moosbrunn, 11955, full detailed AWR's QSL in 27 weeks direct from Ghana and signed as "AWR Ghana" for e-report to awr @ vvu.edu.gh (Artur Fern·ndez Llorella, Catalonia, Spain, HCDX via DXLD)

** GOA [and non]. PHYAN EXPOSES SORRY STATE OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TRAWLERS AT SEA AND LAND
Joaquim Fernandes, TNN 18 November 2009, 03:30am IST

PANAJI: With cyclone Phyan leaving a trail of destruction and death and 67 fishermen from Goa still missing, the blame-game has begun. While, trawlers owners censure the government and its agencies for not warning them about the coming storm, government agencies squarely blame the trawler owners. Said one government official, "Apparently the trawlers did not even have life jackets. Or else, the fishermen would have floated in the seas and been picked up later. Keep the law aside. Is it not the duty of the trawler owners to ensure the safety of their staff?"

Sadly, the two very high frequency (VHF) towers installed on Saligao hill and Betul hill some two decades back have been not functional for long. "They are in an abandoned state," a source said.

Sources also confirmed that the fisheries department had distributed about 100 VHF sets to fisherman "about 15 to 20 years back". Agreeing that the sets were probably in the same state as the towers, sources said everyone was lulled into complacency with the proliferation of mobile phones. . .

http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/Phyan-exposes-sorry-state-of-communication-between-trawlers-at-sea-and-land/articleshow/5241530.cms (via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** GREECE. 7475, playing ``Return to Sender``, I think originalversion by Elvis, lyrix in English, Nov 13 at 0616. Can this be Voice of Greece? Yes, // 9420, and soon followed by announcement in Greek.

12105 with Greek music, Nov 14 at 0734, fair signal and not // 9420. 0749 still Greek music. This hour is supposed to be in English, relay of the MW service R. Filia, but what good is it if they are just going to keep playing Greek music? Perhaps filling out hour starting with BBC relay earlier. At 0800, 12105 went into French YL. I wonder if that is really from Athens, or relaying RFI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

John Babbis compiled the current R. Filia sked, including the morning part relayed on SW 12105, showing that indeed RFI is involved in the French hour, ``with RFI Coverage`` but only on M-F. Same is true of BBC during the 07-08 English hour and even the 06-08 Albanian hour. The other hour, Spanish at 09-10, does not mention any other station. Each language is on 7 days a week, without the foreign stations being mentioned on Sats & Suns (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Radiophonikos Stathmos Makedonias B-09 Program Schedule
ERT-3 (Thessaloniki) Avlis 1-100 kw. Transmitter
1100-1650 UT on 9935 285∫ To Europe
1700-2250 UT on 7450 323∫ To Europe

(Effective October 25, 2009 to March 28, 2010)
3 MINUTES NEWS BULLETIN IN GREEK ON THE HOUR

UTC	Monday through Friday
1100-1200	FROM MARA WITH LOVE (Mara Toparlaki)
1200-1300	RADIO-NEWSPAPER
1300-1400	SPORTS TOURS
1400-1500	TIME IN GREECE (Friday Shuttle)
1500-1600	NO REASON (Sophia Pakalidou)
1600-1650	ON ALL EPISTITOU (Smaro Christidou)
1650-1700	BREAK
1700-1800	RADIO-NEWSPAPER + SPORTS TOURS
1800-1900	SIGNS AND WONDERS TO THE ENDS (Aspasia Vouzas)
1900-2100	EVENING COMPANY (Monday through Thursday)
2100-2250	IN THE PATHS OF NIGHT (Friday only)
2100-2250	RADIO ANTAMOMA (Anna Giannakidou and Marianna Kalaitzi)

UTC	Saturday and Sunday
1100-1200	SPORTS TOURS
1200-1400	RADIO-NEWSPAPER
1400-1650	SPORTS CONNECTION WITH ERA SPORT
1650-1700	BREAK
1700-1800	SPORTS CONNECTION WITH ERA SPORT
1800-2250	IMPROVISE WITH MUSIC (Anna Giannakidou)

(Compiled by John Babbis, Silver Spring, MD, Nov 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. VOICE OF GREECE B-09 SHORTWAVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE
*Ends 10 min. earlier [frequencies refer to entries just below]

UTC MONDAY PROGRAM
7475* 9420 12105* kHz
0000-0005 News In Greek
0005-0105 Sweet Country Cyprus
0105-0205 Greek In Style (In English)
0205-0235 Greek Flavors
0235-0250 In Ilines, In Bilines
0250-0300 From Where And Why With Music
7450* 7475 9420 kHz
0300-0330 Gains And Losses
0330-0400 The Songs of Today
0400-0405 News In Greek
0405-0600 Connection With NET 105.8
7475* 9420 kHz Only
0600-0700 Connection With NET 105.8 (Continued)
9420 15630 kHz Only
0700-0900 Greek Coffee
0900-0907 Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
0907-0915 Athletic Panorama
0915-0920 From Where and Why
0920-0930 Greek Lessons
0930-1000 Mailman

1000-1100 BREAK
12105 kHz Only
0600-0700 BBC-Albanian Language Program
0700-0759 BBC-English Language Program
0759-0900 RFI-French Language Program
0900-1000 Spanish Language Program

1000-1100 BREAK
9420 15650* kHz Only
1100-1105 News In Greek And Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
1105-1200 Traveling With Art
1200-1300 Radionewspaper (Con. With NET 105.8)
1300-1315 Fellow-Countryman Bulletin
1315-1345 Shipping News
1345-1400 I Know Sea Songs
1400-1500 Hello Patriots
1500-1510 News In Greek With Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
1510-1600 Small Greeces, Hello
9420 15630* kHz Only
1600-1605 From Where And Why
1605-1700 The Songs Of Company

1700-1800 ERA 5ñNetwork Without Borders
1800-1900 Radionewspaper (Con. With NET 105.8)
1900-1912 Greek Lessons
1912-2000 ERA 5ñNetwork Without Borders
7475 9420 kHz Only
2000-2005 News In Greek
2005-2015 Athletic Panorama
2015-2200 Live Line With Marina Xantze
2200-2300 Awake (Connection With NET 105.8)
7475 9420 12105 kHz
2300-2400 Awake (Connection With NET 105.8)

UTC TUESDAY PROGRAM
7475* 9420 12105* kHz
0000-0005 News In Greek
0005-0007 Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
0007-0100 ERAñNetwork Without Borders
0100-0200 Radionewspaper
0200-0212 Greek Lessons
0212-0300 Traveling With Art
7450* 7475 9420 kHz
0300-0330 Shipping News
0330-0400 Mailman
0400-0405 News In Greek
0405-0600 Connection With NET 105.8
7475* 9420 kHz Only
0600-0700 Connection With NET 105.8 (Continued)
9420 15630 kHz Only
0700-0800 Greek Coffee

0800-1200 BREAK
12105 kHz Only
0600-0700 BBC-Albanian Language Program
0700-0759 BBC-English Language Program

0800-1200 BREAK
9420 15650* kHz Only
1200-1300 Radionewspaper (Con. With NET 105.8)
1300-1315 Fellow-Countryman Bulletin
1315-1345 Shipping News
1345-1400 I Know Sea Songs
1400-1500 Hello Patriots
1500-1510 News In Greek With Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
1510-1600 Small Greeces, Hello
9420 15630* kHz Only
1600-1605 From Where And Why
1605-1700 The Songs of Company
1700-1800 ERA 5ñNetwork Without Borders

1800-1900 Radionewspaper (Con. With NET 105.8)
1900-1912 Greek Lessons
1912-2000 ERA 5ñNetwork Without Borders
7475 9420 kHz Only
2000-2005 News In Greek
2005-2015 Athletic Panorama
2015-2200 Live Line With Father Georgios Authinos
2200-2300 Connection With ERA SPORT
7475 9420 12105 kHz
2300-2400 Connection With ERA SPORT

UTC WEDNESDAY PROGRAM
7475* 9420 12105* kHz
0000-0005 News In Greek
0005-0007 Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
0007-0100 ERAñNetwork Without Borders
0100-0200 Radionewspaper
0200-0212 Greek Lessons
0212-0300 Greece In the First Person
7450* 7475 9420 kHz
0300-0330 Shipping News
0330-0400 The Songs Of Today
0400-0405 News In Greek
0405-0600 Connection With NET 105.8
7475* 9420 kHz Only
0600-0700 Connection With NET 105.8 (Continued)
9420 15630 kHz Only
0700-0900 Greek Coffee
0900-0907 Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
0907-0915 Athletic Panorama
0915-0920 From Where and Why
0920-0930 Greek Lessons
0930-1000 Mailman

1000-1100 BREAK
12105 kHz Only
0600-0700 BBC-Albanian Language Program
0700-0759 BBC-English Language Program
0759-0900 RFI-French Language Program
0900-1000 Spanish Language Program

1000-1100 BREAK
9420 15650* kHz Only
1100-1105 News In Greek And Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
1105-1200 Cultural Program
1200-1300 Radionewspaper (Con. With NET 105.8)
1300-1315 Fellow-Countryman Bulletin
1315-1345 Shipping News

1345-1400 I Know Sea Songs
1400-1500 Hello Patriots
1500-1510 News In Greek With Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
1510-1600 Small Greeces, Hello
9420 15630* kHz Only
1600-1605 From Where And Why
1605-1700 The Songs of Company
1700-1800 ERA 5ñNetwork Without Borders
1800 1900 Radionewspaper (Con. With NET 105.8)
1900-1912 Greek Lessons
1912-2000 ERA 5ñNetwork Without Borders
7475 9420 kHz Only
2000-2005 News In Greek
2005-2015 Athletic Panorama
2015-2200 Live Line With Georgios Papazahariou
2200-2300 Connection With ERA SPORT
7475 9420 12105 kHz
2300-2400 Connection With ERA SPORT

UTC THURSDAY PROGRAM
7475* 9420 12105* kHz
0000-0005 News In Greek
0005-0007 Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
0007-0100 ERAñNetwork Without Borders
0100-0200 Radionewspaper
0200-0212 Greek Lessons
0212-0300 Cultural Program
7450* 7475 9420 kHz
0300-0330 Shipping News
0330-0400 Mailman
0400-0405 News In Greek
0405-0600 Connection With NET 105.8
7475* 9420 kHz Only
0600-0700 Connection With NET 105.8 (Continued)
9420 15630 kHz Only
0700-0900 Greek Coffee
0900-0907 Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
0907-0915 Athletic Panorama
0915-0920 From Where and Why
0920-0930 Greek Lessons
0930-1000 Mailman

1000-1100 BREAK
12105 kHz Only Only
0600-0700 BBC-Albanian Language Program
0700-0759 BBC-English Language Program
0759-0900 RFI-French Language Program
0900-1000 Spanish Language Program

1000-1100 BREAK
9420 15650* kHz Only
1100-1105 News In Greek And Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
1105-1200 Traveling With Art
1200-1300 Radionewspaper (Con. With NET 105.8)
1300-1315 Fellow-Countryman Bulletin
1315-1345 Shipping News
1345-1400 I Know Sea Songs
1400-1500 Hello Patriots
1500-1510 News In Greek With Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
1510-1600 Small Greeces, Hello
9420 15630* kHz Only
1600-1605 From Where And Why
1605-1700 The Songs of Company
1700-1800 ERA 5ñNetwork Without Borders
1800-1900 Radionewspaper (Con. With NET 105.8)
1900 1912 Greek Lessons
1912-2000 ERA 5ñNetwork Without Borders
7475 9420 kHz Only
2000-2005 News In Greek
2005-2015 Athletic Panorama
2015-2200 Live Line With Georgios Dourdoubakis
2200-2300 Awake (Connection With NET 105.8)
7475 9420 12105 kHz
2300-2400 Awake (Connection With NET 105.8)

UTC FRIDAY PROGRAM
7475* 9420 12105* kHz
0000-0005 News In Greek
0005-0007 Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
0007-0100 ERAñNetwork Without Borders
0100-0200 Radionewspaper
0200-0212 Greek Lessons
0212-0300 Traveling With Art
7450* 7475 9420 kHz
0300-0330 Shipping News
0330-0400 Mailman
0400-0405 News In Greek
0405-0600 Connection With NET 105.8
7475* 9420 kHz Only
0600-0700 Connection With NET 105.8 (Continued)
9420 15630 kHz Only
0700-0900 Greek Coffee
0900-0907 Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
0907-0915 Athletic Panorama
0915-0920 From Where and Why
0920-0930 Greek Lessons

0930-1000 Mailman

1000-1100 BREAK
12105 kHz Only
0600-0700 BBC-Albanian Language Program
0700-0759 BBC-English Language Program
0759-0900 RFI-French Language Program
0900-1000 Spanish Language Program

1000-1100 BREAK
9420 15650* kHz Only
1100-1105 News In Greek And Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
1105-1200 Cultural Program
1200-1300 Radionewspaper (Con. With NET 105.8)
1300-1315 Fellow-Countryman Bulletin
1315-1345 Shipping News
1345-1400 I Know Sea Songs
1400-1500 Hello Patriots
1500-1510 News In Greek With Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
1510-1600 Small Greeces, Hello
9420 15630* kHz Only
1600-1605 From Where And Why
1605-1700 The Songs of Company
1700-1800 ERA 5ñNetwork Without Borders
1800-1900 Radionewspaper (Con. With NET 105.8)
1900-1912 Greek Lessons
1912-2000 ERA 5ñNetwork Without Borders
7475 9420 kHz Only
2000-2005 News In Greek
2005-2015 Athletic Panorama
2015-2200 Live Line With Elias Kapetanakis
2200-2300 Connection With Second Program
7475 9420 12105 kHz
2300-2400 Connection With Second Program

UTC SATURDAY PROGRAM
7475* 9420 12105* kHz
0000-0005 News In Greek
0005-0007 Fellow-Countrymen Bulletin
0007-0100 ERAñNetwork Without Borders
0100-0200 Radionewspaper
0200-0212 Greek Lessons
0212-0300 Small Greeces, Hello
7450* 7475 9420 kHz
0300-0330 Shipping News
0330-0400 Mailman
0400-0405 News In Greek
0405-0500 The People Of The Week

0500-0600 The Song Of The Greek Soil (Connection With Second Program)
7475* 9420 kHz Only
0600-0700 History Of One Week
9420 15630 kHz Only
0700-0705 News In Greek
0705-0715 Athletic Panorama
0715-0745 Money And Investments Of Saturday
0745-0800 Ecological Pages
0800-1000 Connection With NET 105.8

1000-1100 BREAK
12105 kHz Only
0600-0700 Albanian Language Program
0700-0759 English Language Program
0759-0900 French Language Program
0900-1000 Spanish Language Program

1000-1100 BREAK
9420 15650* kHz Only
1100-1105 News In Greek
1105-1200 As a Fairy Tale?
1200-1300 Radionewspaper (Con. With NET 105.8)
1300-1315 I Know Sea Songs
1315-1330 Folklore Program
1330-1400 The Songs Of Today
1400-1405 News In Greek
1405-1500 Greece In The First Person
1500-1515 Investment In Greece
1515-1600 Microphones At The Stadium (Connection With ERA SPORT)
9420 15630* kHz Only
1600-2000 Microphones At The Stadium (Connection With ERA SPORT)
7475 9420 kHz Only
2000-2005 News In Greek
2005-2245 Live Line (G. Tzouanopoulos)
2245-2300 Good Luck / Itís All Greek To Me
7475 9420 12105 kHz
2300-2400 Good Luck / Itís All Greek To Me

UTC SUNDAY PROGRAM
7475* 9420 12105* kHz
0000-0005 News In Greek
0005-0100 History Of One Week
0100-0130 Past Beautiful Years
0130-0200 The Third Bell
0200-0230 Money And Investments Of Saturday
0230-0300 The Songs Of Today
7450* 7475 9420 kHz
0300-0400 The People Of The Week

0400-0405 News In Greek
0405-0420 I Know Sea Songs
0420-0500 True Word
0500-0600 Connection With NET 105.8
7475* 9420 kHz Only
0600-0700 Divine Liturgy (Connect. With NET 105.8)
9420 15630 kHz Only
0700-0815 Divine Liturgy (Connect. With NET 105.8)
0815-1000 Connection With NET 105.8

1000-1100 BREAK
12105 kHz Only
0600-0700 Albanian Language Program
0700-0759 English Language Program
0759-0900 French Language Program
0900-1000 Spanish Language Program

1000-1100 BREAK
9420 15650* kHz Only
1100-1105 News In Greek
1105-1200 Greek In Style (In English)
1200-1300 Radionewspaper (Con. With NET 105.8)
1300-1330 Greek Flavors
1330-1345 In Ilines, In Bilines
1345-1400 I Know Sea Songs
1400-1405 News In Greek
1405-1600 Microphones At The Stadium (Connection With ERA SPORT)
9420 15630* kHz Only
1600-2000 Microphones At The Stadium (Connection With ERA SPORT)
7475 9420 kHz Only
2000-2300 Connection With ERA SPORT
7475 9420 12105 kHz
2300-2400 Connection With ERA SPORT

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** GREENLAND. 3815, 2149-2214* 10+11+12.11 KNR, Tasiilaq (USB) Greenlandic / Danish talk and orchestral music, 2200 Danish news, QRM occasional utility conversations in Russian, 24332 (Anker Petersen, from Skovlunde, Denmark, done on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GUINEA. 7125, 9 Nov 2009, 0723 UT, Radio GuinÈe, talk in French and African music, still there when re-checked at 0820, off air by re-check at 0830. 35322 (Eike Bierwirth, Boulder, CO 80305 USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. 7125, ID "Radio Gine" slogan on "e" heard with two close downs on Nov 8th - first at 0015 UT (Saturday program) and second at 2345 UT (Sunday program) with central news bulletin in French at 2000 UT (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Nov 10, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 13 via DXLD) He means Guinee with accent on the first e

** GUINEA. 7125, Radio Conakry, 1920-0029*, Nov 13-14, on the air late tonight. French talk. Vernacular talk. Afro-pop music. Fair to good signal Pulled the plug abruptly at 0029.

7125, Radio Conakry, 2350-0052*, Nov 14-15, Afro-pop music. French talk. Fair to good. On late again tonight. Abruptly pulled plug at 0052. Nothing heard on this frequency several hours earlier (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

7125, R. GuinÈe, 1950 Nov. 15, in French, frequent IDs, west Africa music (Steve George, MA USA, R8B + 45m long wire, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

7125, Radio Conakry; 2140-2202+, 15-Nov; M in French with Afro-pop music; announcer breaks in often; thumb harp tune at 2159:15 to ID at 2159:45 Ici Conakry...Nationale; thumb harp tune continued to 2200:45, then M in French with commentary. SIO=3+33, ARO QRM from up-freq + LSB ARO break-in at 2146:50 & 2200 with Is this frequency in use? (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW + (new) 86 ft. coil dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Re 9-080: I'm hearing a weak station on 4850 kHz right now at 1115 UT, possibly AIR. Request dx_india members to monitor this frequency. Also of interest will be to monitor AIR stations from western India due to cyclone warning. Some of them may be on extended schedule tonite. Regards (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Hyderabad, via Alokesh Gupta, 1122 UT Nov 11, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Clear ID at 1128 UTC - AIR Kohima. Regards (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, ibid.)

Jose reported AIR Kohima went off air at 1235 UT. Was noted again on air with English news by YL when I checked at 1531, off air at 1600 (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, ibid.) meanwhile:

11 Nov at 1210 noted AIR Kohima on the air with local languages. Transmitter went off around 1238. Strong signal. Some special occasion or just a test? Kohima has been mostly inactive lately, I think (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AIR-Kohima on 4850 tune in at 1445 UT, fair (S. Hasegawa, Japan, Nov 11, ibid.) AIR-Kohima on 4850 fade in at about 0940 UT in Japan. What time will s/on? (S. Hasegawa, Nov 12, ibid.)

[see Nov 11 report in 9-080]. 4850, AIR Kohima, 1306, Nov. 12. Poor at tune in; 1340 news in Hindi followed by repeat of the same news in English; 1400 nice program of ìeasy listening musicî; DJ reading letters from listeners and playing songs in English that they had requested (Carpenters singing ìClose to Youî, Beatles with ìAnd I Love Herî, etc.); asks listens to send in their music requests to ìAll India Radio Kohimaî; 1440 ìThis is All India Radio Kohimaî; into lecture in English about ìPrimary Education. The role of the child, parent and teacherî. After 1400 was mostly fair. Very nice to hear this on the air for two consecutive days! (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AIR Kohima which is rarely operating on SW noted again today (12th Nov) on 4850 at around 1130 UTC maybe because of the celebrations at AIR Kohima. Full schedule : 0000-0415 1000-1600 UT

AIR Kohima was noted today, 13 Nov 2009 for the morning transmission also. 73 Jose Jacob, VU2JOS
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(Via dx_india yg via Alokesh Gupta dxldyg via DXLD)

4850, AIR Kohima, 1303-1314, Nov. 13. Has now been broadcasting for three consecutive days! Segment in English explaining in detail about playing football and the rules of the game; 1340 news in Hindi with repeat in English (items about Minister for Development of the North Eastern Region; Naga festival; quoted Mr. Rio regarding the ìLand of Festivalsî; etc.); ìThis news comes to you from All India Radio Kohimaî; 1400-1440 program in English; DJs playing rock songs (Queen with ìSomebody to Love", etc.). After 1512 Delhi programming in Hindi with advertisements and news and news in English. ID and frequencies in English at 1600 sign off. Their strongest reception so far (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4850.00, 1525-1550 13.11, AIR Kohima, Hindi/English. Hindi talk, 1530 English news from Delhi e.g. about accused terrorist David Headley planning attacks in Denmark and arrested by the FBI in Chicago. He had visited Mumbai several times up to the bloody attacks in 2007. 1545 ads and English programme starting with: "This is All India Radio Kohima", 45343 (Anker Petersen, from Skovlunde, Denmark, done on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

AIR Kohima signed off at scheduled 1600 UT today 13th Nov. On 11th Nov they signed off at 1600 but on 12th Nov signed off early (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, dx_india yg via DXLD)

AIR Kohima noted again on 4850 kHz at 1400 UTC after absence of 2 days. Today morning also they were off air. Signed off at scheduled 1600 UT (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, Nov 16, dx+india yg via DXLD)

4850, AIR Kohima, 1408 + 1427, Nov. 16. Covered by OTH radar pulses, but could still hear the usual music show (heavy rock, rap, etc.) with DJ in English. OTH pulses gone by re-check at 1500; nice easy listening subcontinent music; 1512 the usual switch over to Delhi programming; fair to good; strongest AIR on 60m, even better than Shillong (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4850, AIR Kohima. Nov. 17 only heard on the air for about one hour. Not heard at 1300, but was on the air by 1312; news in Hindi from 1340 to 1350; then repeat of the same news again in English; 1400 several IDs: ìGood evening. This is All India Radio Kohimaî; young woman DJ with easy listening popular songs in English; reading letters and emails from listeners with requests; suddenly off in mid-sentence at 1414. Reception not as good as yesterday. (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AIR Kohima 4850 again missing on 18th Nov during checks at: 0000, 0030, 0100, 0130, 0200 & 0230 UT (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, dx_india yg via DXLD)

4850, AIR Kohima. Off the air Nov. 18 during random checks from 1305 to 1540 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST) This set it all off? --- (gh)

AIR KOHIMA CELEBRATES AKASHWANI CLUB DAY
Our Correspondent Kohima | November 6:
http://www.morungexpress.com/regional/37051.html

All India Radio, Kohima today celebrated Akashwani Club Day in a gala function held at its premises in Kohima. The day is being celebrated to mark the setting up the club in Kohima on this day in the year 1976.

All India Radio announcer Imtinaro said that the day also holds a special place in the hearts of all the staff, as they, in spite of their different duty schedules and obligations come under one platform on this day to know each other well as well as show solidarity and make merry together.

Earlier, the invocation prayer was pronounced by Programme Executive Kanili while the benediction by Programme Executive Shilubo Zeliang.

Various competitions were organized to mark the day. In the women's table tennis singles, Rachel emerged the winner while Akani finished runners up. In men's Table tennis, Mar Ao won the first prize and the runners up title went to Adani. In women's Carom, Akani won the first prize while Rachel finished second.

In Men's carom, Silubo Zeliang emerged Champion while P K Joshi finished second. In Chinese Checker, Rukungu-u Kapho won while Lhovili finished runners up. Kamalasen emerged Champion in chess competition while Adani finished second.

Other highlights of the programme included prize distribution and felicitation of the winners of various competitions and presentation of various entertainment items and special numbers by the staffs of AIR Kohima (via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, Nov 9, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. 18th Nov 2009, 0130 UTC - AIR Delhi noted on 4865 kHz instead of 4860 kHz. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Hyderabad 500082, India, via Alokesh Gupta, dx_india yg via DXLD) 0330 UT Check - Back on 4860 (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, ibid.)

** INDIA. 4880, Nov 15 at 0026 music and some talk with heavy fading, uncertain language, weaker aside the Brazilian clash on 4885. 0032 had some 2-way SSB QRM. By next check 0050 had faded to JBA carrier. Only fit is AIR Lucknow which signs on at 0025, and then fades into the sunlight. Lucknow is between Aligarh and Gorakhpur near the western end of Nepal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4920, AIR- Chennai at 1505 UT with the News at 9 in English. VG November 14/09 (Mick Delmage, AB, Icom R72, Log Periodic, several beverage antenna and K9AY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4970, AIR Shillong, 1446, Nov. 12. Young woman with the program ìGolden Classicsî; in English; playing easy listening music (Bobby Vinton singing ìSealed With a Kissî, Beatles with ìI Want To Hold Your Handî, etc.). Before switching over, said their programming would be back at 9:50 PM; 1512 started Delhi programming (advertisements, news in Hindi, followed by news in English [News at nine]). Mostly fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 5050, AIR Aizawl, 1530, Nov. 18. News in English heard under Guangxi Beibu Bay Radio; // 4775, 4860, 4880, 4920 (Tibet QRM), 4970 (the last two days this has had very low modulation), 5040 (today Jeypore was the strongest AIR on 60m) and 9425. At 1541 gave cricket scores (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1,

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 6155, Nov 15 at 0039 S Asian singing, with tabla, good atop fast SAH of a weaker station. AIR Urdu service via Bangalore, 0015-0430, 500 kW, 330 degrees so penetrating slightly further than Pakistan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6155, 0035-0255 Nov. 17 UT --- Why should I be hearing the Urdu service so well, here in NY, USA? Could they be directing this broadcast to the east coast of the USA??

Using the DX Toolbox OSX application and the information from the Aoki database, I put in the transmitter's location on the Grayline Window, and then using the Path function I could plot the 154 degree Azimuth bearing - and voil‡! The path goes pretty much right to my location! The long path that is. This little experiment, done for the first time, was a lot of fun (Bruce Fisher NY, USA (Palstar R30CC, 50 ft. longwire), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Bruce, A rather roundabout way of checking it. Azimuth is 325 or 330 degrees from BGL directly toward Pak, so no long path is necessary. It`s aimed close to ENAm as a result. Also well heard in OK as I have reported. 330 crosses S Norway, Newfoundland, Bahamas, but misses USA. 325 Glasgow, a bit further out in Atlantic (Glenn Hauser, OK, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, I took another look at my info - from the NASWA Combined Data 091110 and it shows the Aoki info for 6155 AIR Urdu 0015-0430 as b09 (not a09), xmtr Delhi-Kingsway 100 kW, and Azimuth 154 degrees. BUT the Aoki website itself has the updated info as Bangaluru 500 kW Azimuth 325 degrees. So I see that it is indeed headed towards Pakistan and eventually to near the east coast, USA.

I wonder why they would have used 154 degrees? This is exactly the opposite direction. Also - is there a simple mathematical way of knowing if a xmtr's azimuth is headed your way? Using the above example, I note that on the Grayline Map, using my NY location as home, Bangalore is at a bearing of 33 degrees. Therefore (?) for a xmtr at Bangalore to be beamed exactly my way it must have an azimuth of 360 minus 33 equals 327 degrees. This formula works here; I'm guessing it always does. Have I discovered something here?? Or do I just have a keen sense of the obvious? (Bruce Fisher NY, USA, ibid.)

Bruce, I think you've observed a coincidence, not a rule. For example, from my QTH the bearing to Bangalore is 8 degrees, from Bangalore to Waco is 353 degrees; very close to your observation. From Waco to Meyerton, SA the bearing is 99 degrees but Meyerton to Waco is 290 degrees. From Waco to Shepparton, Australia is 246 degrees but

Shepparton to Waco is 76 degrees. Too bad it doesn't work (Jerry Lenamon, TX, ibid.)

When discussing such things, we need to keep distinct the azimuths at which transmissions are aimed, from the various azimuths involved in true great-circle paths to wherever received (gh, DXLD)

** INDIA. 7270, AIR Chennai, 0104-0115*, Nov. 16. Assume in scheduled Sinhala; playing subcontinent music; suddenly off in mid song; better than normal reception (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 9425, AIR Bengaluru, 1435-1500, Nov. 16 (Monday). National Channel ID; ìVividhaî program in English; played music; lecture on autism; talk about technology and computers in the classroom; fair with some adjacent QRM.

9425, AIR Bengaluru, 1435-1500, Nov. 18 (Wed.). ìVividhaî program (observed on Monday and Wednesday in English, with Tuesday and Thursday in Hindi); interview with Dr. Renu Malaviya, Senior Reader, Department of Education, Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi; fair to good (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [and non]. The AIR Aligarh blobmess Nov 12 at 1357 covered more than usual, 9460 to 9490, including Australia on 9475, but peaked about 9460 rather than nominal 9470.

AIR 9470 Aligarh blobmess, Nov 13 at 1435 covering 9455-9465, bothering Russian KFBS on 9465, but not bothering the China radio war on 9450.

Nov 14 did not check until 1519 when signals were weaker, but believe the blob was still residing around 9460.

Noise blob centered on 9455, Nov 14 at 2142, perhaps AIR Aligarh, altho I was not hearing 9425 or 9445 at this time.

AIR Aligarh blob Nov 15 at 1428: right on top of R. Australia 9475 and also reaching into adjacent channels. Is Nigel Holmes of RA aware of this? Still atop RA next day Nov 16 at 1448.

AIR Aligarh distortion blob centered on 9460 Nov 17 at 1425, so RA 9475 gets a respite.

AIR Aligarh distortion blob from `9470` transmitter had varied further upward Nov 18 at 1435, centered about 9502 and extending 9495-9510 or so, covering weak carriers detectable on 9500 and 9505. Per EiBi and

Aoki, those would be CNR1 and BBC Hindi via Oman, respectively. Blob weaker but still audible at 1520 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR GOS, 9690 to SE Asia, Nov 12 at 1346 was giving program summary for the rest of the broadcast, times both in IST and UT. Do they really think `overseas` listeners need to be confused by times given in India`s wacky zone out of step with the rest of the world? Anyhow, since GOS does not publish any program schedules on paper or on the web (that I have been able to find), this is the only way to put together a program schedule.

Would those who listen frequently please copy all this down over a week`s period, in UT only and send it along. They probably do the same at a certain daily time in the other transmissions. Listeners` Choice followed at 1348, i.e. music requests. Good signal, better than usual, with some hum. Considerably weaker at 1455 with GOS of AIR ID and final news summary (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR VBS via Bengaluru, 9870, as usual with much better signal than National Channel on 9425, Nov 17 at 1427 at S9+20 with fluttery music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR B09 Updated Schedules - As on 13th Nov'09

Freq order
http://alokeshgupta.googlepages.com/freq.htm

Language order
http://alokeshgupta.googlepages.com/language.htm

Time order
http://alokeshgupta.googlepages.com/time.htm

Station order
http://alokeshgupta.googlepages.com/loc.htm

These lists have some additional frequencies not actually in use at present but which will be used later/shortly. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS (via Alokesh Gupta, Nov 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

** INDIA. MAHATMA GANDHI AND AIR

The first and only time Gandhiji visited the Broadcasting house, Delhi was on 12 November, 1947, the Diwali Day. He arrived at the Broadcasting House accompanied by Rajkumari Amrit Kaur. A report on this event published in the issue of' 'The Indian Listener' of 22 February, 1948, after Gandhiji's death, said:

"A special studio was fitted with the 'takhposh' (low wooden settee) which was daily used by him for his prayer meeting addresses at Birla House. Appropriately, the prayer meeting atmosphere was created in the studio.....

Gandhiji was at first shy of the radio and it was after much persuasion that he agreed to broadcast from the studios of AIR... but the moment he reached the studio he owned this impersonal instrument as his own and said: "This is a miraculous power. I see 'shakti', the miraculous power of God". According to the 'Hindustan Times' of 13th November, "He spoke for 20 minutes and his voice was exceptionally clear. His message was followed by recorded music of Vande Materam" --- http://www.mkgandhi-sarvodaya.org/mass_media.htm (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, USA, Nov 14, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR CRICKET COVERAGE FOR INDIA-SRILANKA TEST MATCHES

All India Radio will broadcast live commentary alternately in Hindi & English of the India vs SriLanka cricket test matches as per following schedule :

Date	Venue, Timings (IST = UT +5.5)
16-20 Nov 09	1st Test Match, Sardar Patel Stadium, Ahmedabad, 0925 to 1635*
24-28 Nov 09	2nd Test Match, Green Park, Kanpur, 0925 to 1635*
2-6 Dec 09	3rd Test Match, Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai, 0925 to 1635*

* or till end of the play

Live commentary will be available on selected SW, 66 MW & on all FM Gold channels. There will be hourly updates on FM Rainbow channels (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, Nov 16, dx_india yg via DXLD

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI-Palangkaraya (presumed), 1250, 11/13/09, listed Indonesian. Seeming folk-type music with flute-like accompaniment, some upbeat talk at 1300, then back to similar music. Other PNG freqs silent this morning and music didn't seem like what I've heard on PNG stations, so believe this was Indonesia. Poor. (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3324.998, 7.11 1420, RRI Palangkaraya quite often. O = 2
3344.961, 7.11 1420, RRI Ternate through the noise with music for a short while. 2
3976.061, 5.11 1500, RRI Pontianak with music, O = 2
3995.023, 5.11 1456, RRI Kendari with music. Often good. O = 3-4
(Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Buleltin Nov 15, translated by himself for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 4750, RRI Makassar, Nov 13 at 1404, instead of news on the hour, phone conversation with laughing between M in studio and W on phone; fair signal this late (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RRI Makassar, 4749.95, 1421-1503, Nov. 14. Special coverage of an RRI ceremony. Endless mentions of ìR-R-Iî, ìRadio Republik Indonesiaî, ìNacionalî and ìIndonesiaî; often with mixture of announcers and background speeches (echoes). Must have been a major event, as also carried via RRI Jakarta (9680) till 1458*, while Makassar continued on with coverage. Website http://www.rrimakassar.com/ Mixing with and slightly above CNR-1, with no hint of Bangladesh (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9525.9, VOI, 1458, 11/14/09. Two English IDs. YL gave upcoming program details. Decent voice modulation for once. News began at 1502:30. Presumed CRI, via Kashi was mixing with VOI, and at times was of equal strength (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Perseus SDR, Drake R8B, Wellbrook 1.1M Loop, Par Electronics 45' Random Wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOI, 9525.9, still on the air in English at 1520 Nov 14, ID and slogan ``sound of dignity``, fair signal and modulation, atop the het from something on 9525.0. By 1558 could only hear the het, presumably from CRI English via Kashgar, East Turkistan at 15-17 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Also still heard daily on 9525.9 (gh, Nov 18, ibid.)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. DivulgaÁ„o de inÈdita iniciativa da Radio Legal --- Traduzido automaticamente paa o ingles:

Friends, RADIO LEGAL http://www.radiolegal.org/ will provide a WEBRADIO-QSL for the WEBRADIOESCUTAS, listeners DX programs on your schedule (Propagating Waves Radio, Noticias DX or DX Activities in the Air) that send the INFORM RECEPTION OF RADIO LISTENING INTERNET model as follows:

REPORT OF RADIO LISTENING FOR INTERNET
Date of listening:
Time listening to UTC:
Site: http://www.radiolegal.org/
Radio: Radio Legal
Country: Brazil
City: FlorianÛpolis
State: Santa Catarina
Programming of the week date:
Program heard: Propagating Waves Radio
Details of listening:

Audio Program used:
Connection KB / s:
Conditions for receipt note 1 to 5:

Name WEBRADIOESCUTA:
Address:
City
State:
Country:
E-mail:

Comments:
I look forward to sending WEBRADIO-QSL confirming my listening.
Powered by: Ulysses Galletti (19/10/2009)

In a brief statement in Noticias DX program, what program should be delivered REPORT RECEPTION OF RADIO LISTENING INTERNET and to e-mail should be addressed.

The first 10 will receive the reports received WEBRADIO QSL-numbered from 01 to 10, colored, with the signatures of all the technical staff of Radio Legal, by mail. The other only Internet. Everyone will have the opportunity to receive the first-WEBRADIO QSL to be provided by a radio that can be heard on the Internet, to be part of your collection. QRV (Ulysses Galletti, Nov 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. Shortwave Numbers Stations story -- Forgive the self promotion of the shameless sort, but my venerable radio story about the mysterious shortwave numbers stations is being featured as a web extra on L.A. Theater Workshop's website. It's offered as a companion piece to their fabulous audio dramatisation of Hugh Whitmore's "Pack of Lies." Here's the link:
http://www.bigcontact.com/latw/pack-of-lies-web-extra-shortwave-numbers-stations
Keep listening, dg (David Goren, Nov 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Beware; audio autolaunches, lasts 13:17 (gh, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL WATERS. WSJ review by David Morgenstern of PIRATE RADIO and several other films: Click the following to access the link:
http://www.emailthis.clickability.com/et/emailThis?clickMap=viewThis&etMailToID=76369881

WSJ.com - '2012': Apocalypse D'oh!* This article will be available to non-subscribers of the Online Journal for up to seven days after it is e-mailed (via David Cole, TX, Nov 13, DXLD)

And a much more detailed review:
A film review by Christopher Null - Copyright © 2009 Filmcritic.com

http://www.filmcritic.com/misc/emporium.nsf/reviews/Pirate-Radio
(via Artie Bigley, OH, DXLD)

Canadian angle: Tom Hawthorn:
Young DJ's music rocked the boat, and Britain, in the Sixties
http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/british-columbia/young-djs-music-rocked-the-boat-and-britain-in-the-sixties/article1364373/
(via Doug Copeland, DXLD)

NPR - 'PIRATE RADIO' DIRECTOR WAS A FAN FIRST --- Transcript of "Weekend Edition" interview with Richard Curtis and audio here:
http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=120431161
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Film was getting an incredible amount of promotion in US, judging from TV commercials, in 2-3 weeks before opening. Decided I was in no hurry to see it, maybe in a few years on free TV, or if I have 2+ hours to fill at a theatre still carrying it (gh, DXLD)

** IRAQ. Coordination has been requested for following transmitters:

531	8/1	Mosel
567	8/1	Kut
594	9/1	Baghdad
630	8/1	Amara
747	8/1	Baghdad
909	5/1	Basrah
918	9/1	Baghdad
999	50/0.3	Baghdad
1017	9/1	Baghdad
1053	3/0.3	Basrah
1071	7/1	Hilla
1116	9/1	Baghdad
1161	35/0.3	Najaf
1179	9/1	Baghdad
1206	9/1	Arbil
1395	9/1	Baghdad
1404	9/1	Baghdad
1431	8/1	Karbala

(ITU GE75/122, 6 Oct 2009)

Take this list with the amount of salt you find appropriate. /ed
(ARC Information Desk 9 Nov 2009, Olle Alm, LJUNGBY, Sweden, via DXLD)
Are those day and night powers? Not the usual practice over there to reduce at night, unless American-influenced (gh, DXLD)

** ISRAEL. Galei Tsahal varies further downward away from the 15790 station, a good thing, Nov 12 at 1425 measured on 15782.6 with a slow song, not recognized but lyrix I think in English; modulation a bit

rough and carrier slightly unstable. 1429 to Hebrew announcement, ads (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15783.04, Galei Zahal, 1450-1500, Nov 14, still off nominal 15785 with a slightly wobbly carrier. Local pop music. Hebrew talk. Good signal otherwise (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

[non]. 15785, ponderous preacher in Arabic, Nov 16 at 1612, i.e. WYFR which uses this frequency only at 1600-1645, but no sign of Galei Tsahal anywhere from 15780 to 15790. However, propagation not so good on 19m, as nothing from Greece or Saudi either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Galei Zahal - WTF? 6973 kHz of course. WTF is happening here? Tune-in 0033, a nonstop Hebrew message by male, seemingly a loop, rolling across the TOH as I type. Mentioning a "... kiloHertz A-M... and [rough phonetic] alda-da minma" at the end of the message. Well, it's two frequencies referenced. That much I can make out. So is it an announcement that SW is closing? (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, UT Nov 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Or they have 2 fqs

I don't hear GLZ right now to check. I emailed a contact at GLZ, hopefully he'll know. No one has a recording of this announcement? Thanks (Doni Rosenzweig, 1323 UT Nov 17, ibid.)

OK, I received a response from GLZ, but English isn't his first language, so it isn't 100% clear. I think he's saying that they were using a MW frequency to feed SW, which was being changed and they have an announcement on that MW frequency, that people should start using a new frequency. 945 AM doesn't seem to be on GLZ's frequency webpage. http://www.glz.co.il/inner.aspx?page_id=5
In any case, it's NOT an announcement of SW going away.

"Thank you, we know that the fault. We've changed the broadcast frequency to 945 AM broadcasts is to feed the short wave radio, therefore you hear a message stating that. Readjust it" (Doni Rosenzweig, 2344 UT Nov 17, ibid.)

They were back to normal yesterday around 2310 Nov. 17 check, weak with music. And recheck 0025 (GMT Nov. 18 now), playing The Beatles "Back In the USSR" etc. Thanks for digging up the answer (Terry Krueger, ibid.)

15783.2, fair signal but undermodulated music, Nov 17 at 1440, no doubt Galei Tsahal which varies around here, so still going tho unheard 22.5 hours earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15782.77v, Israel Armed Forces Radio, Galei Zahal in Hebrew, tiny S=2-

3 signal, phone in talk (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 17) no time

** ITALY. 26000, R. Maria, religious phone-in at 1825 2 October in Italian, SINPO 45433 (Walter F Marchant, Kings Lynn UK?, Nov World DX Club Contact via DXLD) So still AM, not DRM; must be Es opening (gh)

** ITALY [non]. 7290, IRRS via Slovakia with WORLD OF RADIO: 1800 3 Oct, SIO 343 (Edwin Southwell, England, Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Same date at 1810, SIO 344 (Dave Kenny, Sheigra, Scotland Dxpedition, ibid.) Now at 1900 Saturdays on 6170 instead: (gh)

IRRS-SHORTWAVE EVENING CET FREQUENCY CHANGE

Hi all, Please notice that we will have an immediate frequency change for our evening CET slot each Fri, Sat & Sun effective Nov. 13, 2009. We are dropping temporarily 7290 kHz in favour of what may be a cleaner frequency. Don't forget that lower frequency bands that allow for propagation within 1-4,000 km during darkness are extremely congested here in EU due to the low sunspots, so many stations are fighting on top of each other :-(

All other times and frequencies remains unchanged. So please take a note that as of Friday Nov 13, 2009 we will be on 6170 kHz from 1900 to 2100 UTC/GMT (Fri, Sat & Sun) and tune into our programs.

Please send your reception reports by email to:
reports (at) nexus (dot) org

Although we cannot guarantee a QSL to each of you, we will reply to everyone by email, and we will greatly appreciate hearing that "there is someone listening out-there" on our new frequency next week-end. Updated frequency and program schedules are on our web site at:
http://www.nexus.org/NEXUS-IBA/Schedules

Thanks, take care and best 73s, (Ron Norton, NEXUS-Int'l Broadcasting Association, email: ron @ nexus.org http://www.nexus.org Nov 12, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

IRRS advises us that they are changing immediately from 7290 to 6170 for the weekend 19-21 UT broadcast, so look for WORLD OF RADIO there Saturday at 1900. 6170 does appear to have a clear shot during these two hours only, tho flanked by Croatia and Brother Scare; that should be an improvement over co-channel Russia on 7290, and adjacents China on 7285, 7295 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

IRRS on 6170 /13.11.9 http://zlgr.multiply.com/journal/item/243

Looking to listen to IRRS on 6170 I found the following :

6170 at 1954 IRRS full of QRM today 13th a signal of S7, a sinpo of 315x1 with just easy listening music or possibly gospels sounded. Same at 2022 but to a level of 325x2 sometimes
6165 someone in French very low mod S10, Afro? possibly Tchad
6175 RFI French, S10 with ID on 2000
The internet stream is not time parallel with the above transmission (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

IRRS noted with excellent reception tonight on 6170 from tune-in at 1900 with Glenn Hauser's World of Radio. Much imporved over 7290 which had been inaudible here in recent weeks. 73s (Dave Kenny, Caversham, England, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

IRRS SVK 6170 --- wenn du wissen willst, ob gesendet wird - ja. Hier in Leibnitz ist jetzt um 1915 UTC Glenn Hauser zu hˆren. Der Empfang ist aber nicht so toll. O=2-3. 73, (Patrick Robic, Austria, A-DX via Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

6170 kHz signal of Slovak Republik under threshold S=0-1 here in southern Germany. The only logs reported are from Patrick on Austrian-Hungarian border area (350km distance) and from Dave in England, approx. 1700-1800 kms distance. Nothing in between.

Logs of a lot of distant stations on the upper segment of 48-49 mb like S=9+10 - +40 dB - distance greater than 1700 kms - at same time
Iran 6065 6010
Turkey 6050
Tinian / China Jammer 6095
China 6100, 6020
Moscow 6145 6130
Minsk 6155 6115
India 6180, 6280
Bulgaria 6200
Moldava 6240
Pyongyang 6285
Cairo 6290

only DWL Sines Portugal signal 6075 - also 1700 kms distance - much poorer than usual, deeeeep fade of S=6-8 signal. So, now the football match France vv St.Patricks Ireland has priority. Nov 14, 2025 UT. wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

World of radio was back on 9510 this morning via IRRS from 0900-0930 UT. There was a message on the shortwave DX blog about Joystick as follows...

Re: ``A repeat of Radio Joystick's programme will take place next Saturday on November 14 from 0900 to 1000 utc on 9510 khz.``

However the above mentioned broadcast was not heard. It was WOR followed by HCJB DX partyline and then a music programme. The Nexus webstream was the same output (Gary, SHR, Nov 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glen[n], Don't know if Alfredo told you, but we moved from 7290 due to the interference. We are now on 6170 and the signal is very good here on the Isle of Wight. This happened very quickly over last weekend and this week. I think we will be staying here for the old 7290 broadcasts.

The 9510 remain unaffected. I think it means that you get 6-7 broadcasts in the cycle. Anyway the new frequency is very very strong here in Europe. What a great programme you produce. Take care, Stephen John Jones (39 Dover Street), Nov 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sat 0945 and 1930 UT are the times for his poetry show (gh, DXLD)

Dear Glen[n], I picked up a 30 min DX show last Saturday on 9510 at 0900. Possibly IRRS. Was it you? Thanks (Alex Wellner, Australia, Nov 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes (gh) The starting music was the same as R. Joystick. I enjoyed World of Radio, just as I enjoy your daily offering through ARDXC. Best wishes (Alex, ibid.)

WORLD OF RADIO schedule Nov & Dec --- Hi Glenn, this to notify you of a schedule change on our Sat morning slot for Nov 28, 2009 at 0900-1000 UT on 9510 kHz (Radio Joystick) and on Dec 26, 2009 at the same time & freq (Radio Rasant). Above 1 hr programs will be aired instead of WOR and other previously scheduled programs. WOR will be aired in the evening timeslot (only) at 1900 UT on 6170 kHz on these days.

Propagation has been varied on 6170 last Fri & Sat, depending on the time and distance of each listener from transmitter. On average it was quite better than 7290. Unfortunately the only evening bands usable in the 7 and 6 Mhz have a large skip zone around transmitters at this time of the year and under the current propagation conditions.

Unfortunately the 75 mb is not usable. However 6170 is free of much of the interference of 7290, and the dead zone is also somehow smaller at our time of broadcast. There may be some other minor schedule adjustments in the coming weeks, we will keep you informed. 73s (Alfredo E. Cotroneo, CEO, NEXUS-Int'l Broadcasting Association, Nov 15, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thus what I said on WOR 1486 about airings via IRRS turns out to be

wrong, the best info I had at the time. So I am assuming WOR WILL be appearing at 0900 on the first three Dec Sats, and that`s it for the rest of the year, right? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

** ITALY [non]. SLOVAKIA. Change of IRRS Shortwave/EGR English from Nov. 13:
1800-2100 6170*RSO 150 kW / 060 deg to Eu/ME/NoAf Fri-Sun, ex 7290#
*co-channel 1800-1900 China Radio International in Russian
#to avoid Voice of Russia in Russian/English/Russian
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD)

As previously in DXLD; except IRRS is starting at 1900, so no problem with CRI before then on 6170 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR. 4950, R. Kashmir, Srinagar, *0118-0135, Nov. 11. Tuned in at 0114 to hear an open carrier with test tone; tone went off just before the start of the AIR IS; song ìVande Mataramî; too weak to make out the language; played some subcontinent music (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 7100, Today Nov 9th at 1800-1900 UT undoubtedly Voice of Korea, Pyongyang, in tentative French language as in past winter seasons towards South Africa at 271 degree azimuth, 7100 kHz and \\ 9975 kHz too (Wolfgang B¸schel, Nov 9, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 13 via DXLD)

7100/7140 kHz --- I always hear VOK Pyongyang in Chinese on 7140 kHz around 1000-1130 UT s-off and also on 7100 kHz either 1700 or 1800 UT sign-on to South Africa. I will check to night. IRAN has not been operating on the frequency as far as I can remember (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, 4S7VK, Intruder Alert Nov 9, ibid.)

7140 with declamatory Korean talk, Nov 16 at 0705, poor signal but clear, no QRhaM at the moment, to one of the last holdout intruders in the 40m band, VOK, still using it 00-04 and 07-13 per Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 2850, KCBS-Pyongyang, 1258, 11/12/09, Korean. Revolutionary-opera music to time pips at 1300, then a presumed news update from alternating m/f presenters, back to music around 1310. Briefly peaking S9+. Fair/good at peak. (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3250, PBS-Pyongyang, 1305, 11/12/09, Korean. Seemed to be running // to 2850 for the newscast, but when 2850 had switched to music at 1310 check, this freq continued with talk. Poor. (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4450, KCBS-Pyongyang (tentative), 1315, 11/12/09. Threshhold signal with a bit of martial style music making it through the noise, seemed possibly // to 2850. Poor. (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. ARMENIA/GERMANY/KOREA/TAJIKISTAN/UZBEKISTAN

R. Free Chosun is transmitted on Nov. 26 at 2000-2100 UT in Korean on 7515 kHz. [? You mean starting Nov 26, or only Nov 26?]

Radio Free Chosun
1200-1300 11560 via ERV
1230-1300 12085 via TAC
1545-1615 9940 via ERV
2000-2100 7515 via TAC 100 kW 65 deg WRN

R. Free North Korea
1100-1200 12150 via DB
1300-1500 7490 via DB
1900-2100 7530 via ERV

Open Radio for North Korea
1300-1330 11640 via ERV
2100-2200 7510 via ERV

Effective from November 16, Open Radio for North Korea's new schedule is shown below.
1400-1430 7550 via TAC
2100-2200 7510 via ERV to Dec 15

CMI: Voice of Wilderness
1300-1400 9850 via ERV
2000-2100 Su. 5915 via WER
2000-2100 Sa. 1566 via HLAZ (ex. 2000-2030)

North Korea Reform Radio
1500-1600 7590 via TAC

Voice of Freedom
Re-activated on Nov 1, stopped it from Oct 1.
1600-1700 6240 kHz via TAC
(Sei-ichi Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC Nov 7 via BC-DX 13 Nov via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Some VT Communications changes:

Furusato no Kaze in Japanese
1330-1400 NF 9950*TAI 100 kW / 002 deg to KRE, ex 9810 to avoid CNR-1 Chinese [but now!:] *co-channel Radio Ukraine International in

Ukrainian (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. CLANDESTINE, 6518 Voice of the People, Goyang, KOR, 1904-1920, 15 Nov, Korean to KRE, talks; 43432, jammed; \\ 6600 about the same quality, 3912 very poor this time (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) KOR = KoreaS; KRE = KoreaN

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9780 good with Japanese YL over piano music, Nov 12 at 1605; she sounds sad, no doubt because speaking of abductees in this Furusato no Kaze broadcast per Aoki, via Tainan, Taiwan, 250 kW at 45 degrees so also USward. No giggling here!

5985, Shiokaze via JSR Japan, fair and clear Friday Nov 13 at 1411, M narrative about abduxions in the 1970s, no piano music now. Hard to understand English due to heavy accent, a marked difference with its neighbor NHKWNRJ on 5955, the robotic W newscaster and her too-precise enunciation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN. 3931.83, R Voice of Kurdistan, Sulaimaniya, No. Iraq, 0325-0405, Nov 02, Kurdish comment about Peshawar bomb, Maliki, Iran, Tehran, 0333 ID, Kurdish folksongs, 0344 ID, comment, 45343; 0400 Farsi programme and jamming started! 43343. Also heard on 3931.43 at 1425-1430*, Nov 07, Kurdish song, closing ann and ID, 33443. Jammed until 1432* (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Nov 11 via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non]. V. of Mesopotamia, 11530, Nov 12 at 1440 with neat Kurdish music of which they play a lot; fair signal but splatter from WEWN 11550. This TDP transmission per HFCC is 300 kW, 129 degrees via Simferopol`, Ukraine, the cover site for the real one as in Aoki, Mykolaiv (a.k.a. Nikolayev in Russian), 32-14E, 46-49N (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT [and non]. Re 9-080, http://www.bbg.gov/reports/FY_2010_Congressional_Budget_Request_ONLINE_VERSION.pdf see also the mostly unknown US organization MBN in Springfield, Virginia, on page 83 ff, page 90 [of 114].

"Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc. (MBN) is a private, non-profit corporation that provides objective, accurate, and relevant news and information to the people of the Middle East about their region, the United States and the world. MBN programming expands the spectrum of ideas, opinions, and perspectives presented in the region's media. By providing a source of balanced information in Arabic, MBN advances freedom and democracy and long-term U.S. national interests."

Kuwait MW frequency is 1386 kHz, 3 tower array for Radio Farda,

additional Kuwait mediumwave in future, 3 x 200 kW units and RF combiner = 600 kW on mediumwave band. Former VOA Kavala-Greece transmitter on 792 kHz. Final inauguration date at Kuwait site on August 2009. Really happens yet? (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX 13 Nov via DXLD)

** LAOS. 7145, 1330 14 Oct, LNR, Vientiane, IS, YL ID, news to 1359 when sign-off by YL. Signal only just above threshold, best at sign-off when clear ID, English, SIO 141. Also at 1350 16 Oct, YL news in English, ID ``Lao National Radio``, slightly stronger, a bit easier to hear but still very weak, SIO 232 (Dave Kenny, Sheigra, Scotland Dxpedition, Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** LIBYA. Frequency change of LJBC Voice of Africa in French/ Hausa/ Hausa: 1700-1957 NF 11995 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to NWAf, ex 11965 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD)

As previously in DXLD: was originally planned to be on 11965 in B-09, but instead continued on A-09 frequency 11995 where I heard it. Meanwhile, RFI Issoudun is on 11965 at 17-19, see FRANCE. IIRC, the French are also handling the Libyan frequency management (gh)

** MADAGASCAR. 5010v (USB + carrier mode), RTVM, 1451, Nov. 17. Pop songs in English (ABBA with ìDancing Queenî, etc.); ad; 1505 news in French with music bridge between items; fair; // 6134.90v with 1505*; first time I have noted them on past 1500. Continued broadcasting on 5010 till 1517 tune out (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR [non]. via Pridnestrovye, 15670, Radio Mada Int, *1530-1558*, Nov 14, test tones prior to 1530. Sign on at 1530 with African music. Talk in presumed Malagasy at 1531. Speech by man. Short breaks of African music. Poor to fair. Sat/Sun only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** MALI. News in English from R. Mali heard again on Sat 3 Oct 1901-1915. Presenter in French handed over to English-speaking announcer who IDed as ``This is Bamako, Mali radio and television station. Good evening, welcome to our weekly magazine. . .`` Followed by Malian news from the previous week, interspersed as usual by reggae --- excerpts from Bob Marley tracks! (Dave Kenny, Sheigra, Scotland Dxpediton, Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) WTFK? 5995, 7286v or 9635

7285.88, RTVM, *0752-0810, Nov 15, abrupt sign on with rustic tribal music. Flute IS & French ID announcements at 0759. Vernacular talk at 0801. Good signal strength but low modulation. // 9635 at 0800 sign on with a fair signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

RTM, 5995, 2342, French, 333, 15 Nov, OM over music bed of African chant/instrumental percussion. Many "Bonsoirs" -- seemed to be soliciting 'phone calls which followed -- mostly very short as if answers to a question. One call ~2346 was in English with OM asking, "How do you feel about it?" though I couldn't decipher the answer. Very brief announcement at 2359 without music underneath and immediately into Mali's ponderous military-band style anthem. Modulation seemed suppressed, as was luckily China Radio International adjacent on 5990 via Cuba (Theo Donnelly, Vancouver BC, Eton E1, 10m random wire on an apartment balcony, ptswyg via DXLD)

** MAURITANIA. 4845, ORTM (presumed), 0057-0100*, Nov. 15. Reciting from the Qurían or just chanting? Suddenly off; fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4845, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, 1807-1836, 15 Nov, French, newscast, vernacular at 1820, talks; 54433; \\ 783 this time poorly received up here in Lisbon (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. Es interesante lo que usted ha comentado recientemente acerca de las frecuencias de Radio Habana Cuba ya que el dÌa de hoy en la maÒana hizo bastante interferencia a XEQM haciendo que se escuche demasiado al fondo, pese a estar demasiado cerca del transmisor de esta ˙ltima.
http://rapidshare.com/files/305514595/SW6105KHZ-11NOV2009-1415UTC.WAV.html
Atte (Ing. Israel Gonz·lez Ahumada, M.I., Nov 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Canad· Internacional desplaza totalmente a XEQM en horas de la noche en las afueras de la ciudad de MÈrida, seg˙n observaciones que hice hace 2 meses en el puerto de Sisal (21 09'55"N 90 01'50"O, costa del Golfo de MÈxico) a 50 Km al W del transmisor, apenas es audible a˙n dentro de MÈrida a esa hora.

En horas del dÌa sÛlo llega a ser interferida en ocasiones por Radio Habana Cuba y Family Radio, eso cuando a pesar de estar libre el canal en ocasiones no se escucha (øfuera del aire?) siendo a veces m·s f·cil de escuchar cerca del medio dÌa en esta misma ciudad. Atte.: (Ing. Israel Gonz·lez Ahumada, M.I., Nov 13, ibid.)

XEQM, 6104.8, best yet and totally in the clear at 0639 Nov 13 with hyper DJ, inserting ``Candela`` ID over music, and then fast 12:42 timecheck. Phone number for requests, apparently with birthday greetings; slogan ``la m·s grande`` instead of ``la mayor``. Some distortion as modulating too hard.

As I previously figured, 6105 itself is free of QRM in the early evening, so XEQM MÈrida was also clear on 6104.8 Nov 15 at 0037 with

music in Spanish. But as I also previously figured, Habana`s new 6110 is a big adjacent problem, at first somewhat evitable by offtuning low, but at 0056 RHC was splattering too much even in talk rather than music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

XEQM escuchada demasiado en el fondo al momento de cierre con el himno nacional mexicano, hasta la 0100 UTC interferida por Radio Habana Cuba 6120 (?) KHz y a partir de esa hora por Radio Canad· Internacional en 6100 KHz.
http://rapidshare.com/files/307846509/SW6105KHZ-15NOV2009-0100UTC.WAV.html
Atte: (Ing. Israel Gonz·lez Ahumada, M.I. Nov 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6104.7, XEQM, Nov 18 at 0713, DJ talking on phone with YL, 0716 ``la m·s grande`` slogan and finally back to song. Atop audible het, from what at this hour? No major stations scheduled on 6105, so maybe one of the other LA`s is active, such as R. CanÁ„o Nova, Brasil, which EiBi shows as 24 hours (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. 6185, XEPPM in the clear at 0631 Nov 15 with music, but by next check 0637, BrasÌlia was on and overriding it. They should at least wait until 0700 as sometimes happens.

Checked too late Nov 17 for XEPPM on 6185; RNA BRAZIL already on covering it at 0634, // 11780.

6185, R. EducaciÛn, monitored during the all-too-brief QRM-free window Nov 18: at 0619 tune-in no trace of Vatican, just XEPPM with percussion performance featuring vibes, bells, et al. Always something intriguing and unexpected in their free-form eclectic format, anything but ``typical Mexican music``. At *0630:45 the BrasÌlia carrier came on, but could still hear XE under. RNA did not start modulating with its own song overriding DF until 0641, a minute or so after // 11780 cut on with modulation already (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non non]. [see discussion under CUBA [and non] of visiting stations ---]

That's not true at RNW. Perhaps it used to be, but these days everyone coming to RNW has to register at the front desk and be signed in by someone on the staff who acts as their host. They are given a temporary pass and escorted through the security doors to the main part of the building. They also have to be checked out and return their temporary pass when they leave.

It's true that things are still quite informal at RNW. That's the Dutch style, but is also made easier by the fact that many of the staff at our reception desk have worked at RNW for many years and know us personally. But to imply that anyone can just arrive at RNW

uninvited and walk around the building is nonsense. Anyone who wants to visit RNW should contact us a couple of weeks in advance to arrange for someone to be available. Unlike BBCWS, we don't do official guided tours (Andy Sennitt, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [and non]. Frequency mistress of RN is Karen van Lierop. She asked me to monitor their Arabic because she had no input from listeners. I do not know Arabic and I do not know the Arabic alphabet. I recently refused to continue monitoring because they deleted a transmission without telling me. Their Arabic conflicts with their English. Of course, I monitor their English. They do print a schedule in Arabic (David Crystal, Israel, October, Nov World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Could it be in RN`s case that assuming target area signal strength is OK, but that in the present political climate, listeners to local Arabic stations are being or have been advised, warned, or told not to listen to broadcasts from Western countries. Could also be that the local press in these lands warn readers to avoid listening to western propaganda, creating a no-win situation for a radio station (Arthur Ward, UK, WDXC ed., ibid.)

?? You don`t have to understand the language in order to be a useful technical monitor on the reception quality of a broadcast. If anyone else would like to help, the current sked of RN`s revived Arabic service on SW is:
1859-1957 9895 Sri Lanka
1959-2057 7385 Portugal [NOT --- see below]
2159-2257 9895 Rwanda
Are the Arabs so docile that they will not listen to a Western broadcast if their local authorities say not to? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency changes, Radio Netherlands Worldwide:
2000-2057 5935 SIN 250 kW / 090 deg to N/ME, ex 7385*in Arabic
2200-2257 5860 PHT 250 kW / 200 deg to SEAs, ex 6120#in Indonesian
*to avoid PBS Xizang in Tibetan #to avoid PBS Xinjiang in Uighur
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD)

Just tuned 21525, RN via Bonaire, in time to hear a few notes of closing music until 2057* Nov 11 and know that reception the preceding hour would have been quite good. English at 21-23 would be more convenient for me, but can`t have everything. // 11655 via Madagascar stayed on a while longer with open carrier, but not very interesting. Next day after 2030 Nov 12, however, 21525 was not so solid, while 11655 was quite good (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Happy Station on WRMI, Thu Nov 12 at 1600+,

heard on webcast, but could have been heard on 9955: Keith Perron said all the extra repeats of HS on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday are of the 1600 edition, not the different 0200 UT Thursday edition. Except, next week Nov 19, all airings will carry the David Monson interview. Keith also said the 0200 broadcast this week explains why he doesn`t like Arnie Coro, still living in the Cold War pre-1989. Access: http://www.pcjmedia.com/Archive_shows.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This week`s Happy Station Shows now uploaded. Head to:
http://www.pcjmedia.com/Archive_shows.html
Good listening (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Nov 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just a reminded that this week`s Happy Station Show is a special with guest David Monson formerly of Belgium Radio International's Brussels Calling.

Times:
Thursday
SA/Carib: 0200 UT
NA/Carib: 1600 UT
Freq: 9955khz
http://www.wrmi.net (Keith Perron, Nov 15, ibid.) V also AFRICA [non]

Reminder for Thursday`s HSS --- My guest this week is David Monson.

Also on Friday at 0200 UT - Ears To Our World and SW radio in Africa. This program will be repeated at 1400. Jeff at WRMI told me the antenna will be directed north for these two transmissions (Keith, http://www.pcjmedia.com Nov 18, ibid.) But the 1400 is SATURDAY 21st, not Friday (gh, DXLD) Final word from Jeff: it`s UT 0200 on BOTH UT Friday and Sat, and Sat at 1400; see AFRICA (gh)

Hi Everyone, Just wanted to let you know that next month I will have a special edition of Happy Station with Kim Shippey formerly with Radio South Africa and Monitor Radio International (Keith Perron, Nov 13, ibid.)

** NEW ZEALAND. I don`t know whether it was audible earlier, but at 1515 Nov 14, could not hear any RNZI on 6170, just a barely audible carrier. Nor on 7440. Nor at 1601 could I hear RNZI on either, with 7440 also squeezed by ChiComs on both sides. RNZI off the air or just not propagating?

Checked at 1801 UT Nov 14, website says: ``Schedule Change from 12 November 2009. 11 Nov, 2009 19:15 UTC: 6170 (AM) and 7440 (DRM) kHz new early morning frequency for Cook Islands, Samoa, Niue and Tonga``

No time, but looking elsewhere for the schedule, that refers to 1551-1750 UT. What it really means is that DRM and AM frequencies have been swapped during this time period, so not really applicable to the 6170 collision with Russia at 13-15 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. 6170, RNZI, 1511, Nov. 18. Heard in the clear with good signal (VOR scheduled to sign off at 1500); weather outlook and sea conditions (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND [and non]. Report from Tauranga, New Zealand

Haven't checked in for a few days, mostly because we've been doing a lot of touring and there hasn't been a lot of time for DXing. In Wellington, I had a wonderful day with David Ricquish who kindly spent half of his day taking me around this wonderful city and showing me all of the radio sights of the city. David has an absolutely encyclopedic knowledge of radio in the region and I was delighted in his immediate responses to my barrage of questions.

We started the morning with a tour of RNZI including meeting with Adrian Sainsbury, host of RNZI's Mailbox program, as well as an introduction to Myra Oh, his co-host (a very charming lady who was busy with her on-air duties).

David went on to describe the radio scene in the country. Basically, for a DXer from afar, it's not a very pretty picture. Call signs have pretty much been done away with, and there are only a small handful of nation-wide networks. No TOH legal IDs, and the only local content are the occasional inserted local ads. I must admit that the content of several of the networks are not my cup of tea. For instance Radio Trackside mostly just has play by play horse races (yawn!). Another network is "The Word" which has non-stop Bible reading.

The are precious few local stations anymore. One is Village Radio on 1368 in Tauranga which I recorded for a good hour, as this frequency is mostly dominated by Radio Live in Napier. Village Radio had a wonderful oldies format and a full local ID at 5:00 pm local and a call sign as well, 1XT. Refreshing to say the least. They apparently broadcast with 400 watts during the week and 900 watts on weekends (since they bleed onto cell phones), using a simple dipole antenna. John Durham in Tauranga provided me with a link which is: http://homepages.paradise.net.nz/fozzie/id18.htm

Might be worth a try. David told me that there are only 2 local AM stations left in the nation. I do have to ask him about the various stations listed in PAL, though, as many of them do sound local.

David?

By the way, David (and Adrian) were also a goldmine of information about Pacific Island stations. For instance, 2AP in Samoa on 540 is running 2.5 kW and the facility is held together by "rat dung". Cook Islands on 630 is likewise running at 1/2 power. The Solomon Islands SW transmitter on 5020 is back on the air thanks to the technical assistance from Adrian who was able to tweak the transmitter back to 5020 from previous 5018v. It's the 9 MHz transmitter tuned down to 5 MHz (very old). Vanuatu 3945 will shortly be adding 5050 for the day frequency, and plan 7260 during the winter.

As always, I would recommend anyone who is traveling in this area of the world to bring their portables and enjoy what the region has to offer on the radio. Being so far from North America and Europe, I think that our fellow DXers appreciate us making the effort to contact them as well.

One more interesting anecdote: The ODXA journal came close to being printed and mailed from New Zealand a few years back, as it was cheaper than doing the same in Ontario! Amazing!

Finally, I learned that the Radio Heritage Project (which hosts the invaluable Pacific Asia List) is a labour of love initiated by David Ricquish, who's given up his previous travel, radio and television career (along with his wife) to devote his time fully to this wonderful project. I encourage everyone to support this vital project! 73s from the South Pacific, (Walt Salmaniw, Nov 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 15120, VON with ID in English at 2029 Nov 12, but badly squeezed between WYFR on 15115 and REE/Costa Rica on 15125, not to mention another WYFR on 15130. It would take tight selectivity to read VON clearly.

Frequency management in action: NO signals at all from 15135 to 15185, which means they could have been in the clear with no co- or adjacent-channel QRM on 15140, 15145, 15150, 15155, 15160, 15165, 15170, 15175, or 15180. What frequency management? Nigeria does not participate in HFCC, so they are lucky not to have something directly on top of them on 15120. VON has always used 15120 and nothing but 15120 on 19m and that`s good enough for them, inconceivable to go anywhere else.

Wolfgang B¸schel suggests that my unID DRM 15115-15120-15125 Nov 11 at 1525 might have been Abuja testing a new DRM-capable transmitter; which no doubt will solve all their problems (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria, 15120, 1955, English, 433, 15 Nov, Sports commentary about Switzerland ousting Nigeria from soccer's World Cup line-up. Promo for World News coming up at 2000. Surprisingly good modulation (Theo Donnelly, Vancouver BC, Eton E1, 10m random wire on an apartment balcony, ptswyg via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. FRCN Kaduna commissions mw transmitter
Latest news Written by Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna
Friday, 13 November 2009 00:42
from Nigerian newspaper Daily Trust website
http://www.news.dailytrust.com

(report below mentions no frequency but presumably is the transmitter handed over in February (reported in Media Network blog via DXLD 9-018) for FRCN Kaduna Ch 1 in Hausa on 594 kHz? - Alan Pennington)

About nine months after it was handed over by the Japanese government, the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) Kaduna's 200 kW medium wave transmitter was commissioned at the Jaji transmission station yesterday. This is not the first time Japan is granting such aid to the FRCN, Barrister Yusuf Nuhu, the Director General said.

"I can be recalled vividly between 1989 and 1990, it extended to FRCN a 2.5 billion yen, which is equivalent to N1.5 billion grant in aid of our alternative power generating project", he said. The Director General also disclosed that work was presently going on in the second phase of the same project at the Enugu national station.

This donation, he further said, symbolized the mutual wish of both Nigeria and Japan to work together. Alhaji Halilu Getso, a former Zonal Director of FRCN Kaduna, praised the Japanese government for assisting the radio station. He however lamented that the commissioning was a day of sober reflection and not celebration. According to him, the station's Jaji transmitting station used to have 10 of such 200 MW transmitter that was being commissioned. [sic]

The former Zonal Director said the neglect of those in authority contributed to the collapse of the transmitters and the radio station was celebrating the receipt of one. Emir of Zazzau Alhaji Shehu Idris acknowledged the station's programmes, adding that radio was central to the Distance Learning Programme which the government had introduced (via Pennington, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6925-SSB, Nov 15 at 1414 first-person narrative of Al Weiner about his `free speech radio`` experiences. Except it wasn`t his voice, and this pirate messed around with the recording, inserting `consecutive translations` in double-speed spacey gibberish, bits of backward speech, slowed down, speeded up, etc. Mentioned more than

once ``25th of May 2007, up here in northern Maine``. Anyone get an ID on this one? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. TCS SUNDAY NIGHT: *2300- Good evening, friends! Once again, The Crystal Ship takes to the airwaves this evening starting by about 2300 UT. Our frequency will be 5205 kHz AM, transmitting with the Johnson Viking II through the top-fed inverted-L antenna.

As always, we welcome your reports for the new design eQSL, if you don't have one already. Be sure to include the timeframe during which you were listening. Cheers! -- (John Poet, The Crystal Ship, 2251 UT Nov 15, via Will Martin, MO, DXLD) See also UNIDENTIFIED 5230

** NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. 5860, RFA, 1550, Nov. 18. Strong; in Korean; blocking the last hour (1500-1600) of the Voice of Jinling (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Tsk2

** OKLAHOMA. I've been monitoring 1120 during drive-time this week and it seems that KEOR is definitely "on" and // 1340 KJMU. Hearing dual IDs "Hot 13-40 The Groove and Hot 11-20 KEOR" and "Today's R&B and yesterday's old school" slogan. This evening KEOR went to OC at 1714 CST in the middle of a sentence, carrier gone right at 1715 CST [2315 UT, official LSS in Nov] leaving KMOX and KFAB IBOC fighting. KEOR seems to be about 2-3 seconds "behind" KJMU. For those DXers that can get past KMOX/KFAB IBOC with phasing/nulling, give KEOR a try. 73, (Bruce Winkelman, Tulsa, OK, Nov 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Radio Pakistan has changed frequency at 1600-1610 (not 1615 as listed) for English News to the Gulf & ME to new 7535 ex-7510 due to co-channel interference on the latter. The parallel channel listed for East/South Africa 15100 is not audible to me, but that may be due to lack of propagation. This news bulletin replaces what was heard during A-09 at 1500-1510. The Urdu Service at 1330-1530 to the Gulf & ME continues to use 7510.

And English news is once again heard at 1100-1105 on 17700 towards west Europe, and this replaces the summer timing of 1000-1005 (Noel R. Green (NW England), Nov 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN [non]. 9390, Nov 17 at 1423, heard Radio Pakistan mentioned twice; unusual to hear anything in splash from Brother Scare on WWRB 9385. I remember 9390 is a PBC frequency --- but not now! Per Aoki, it`s only at 12-13 in Chinese (so jammed??), while the Urdu at 14-15 is VOA`s R. Aap ki Dunyaa, 250 kW, 283 degrees from Tinang, PHILIPPINES, or is it Biblis, GERMANY, as per EiBi? Quite a disparity, but that`s IBB for you (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This item recently appeared - ``PAKISTAN  11510  Radio Pakistan on Oct 31 at 1157 (IS) - 1220 UTC in Chinese. SINPO 35333. IS till 1200 UTC then Koran & Identification. Talk followed, but low audio modulation (Iwao Nagatani-JPN, JPNpremium)``

So although 9390 is the second listed frequency for Radio Pakistan in Chinese at 1200-1300 it will not be on air, as the above report appears to be correct. I can hear something on 11510 but it's too weak to ID. The Chinese don't appear to deliberately interfere with this transmission - at least, I haven't heard any interference, and the SINPO report above seems to indicate that is so. I assume the mention of Radio Pakistan in the later VOA programming might have something to do with it being re-broadcast via Pakistan's facilities? Urdu 1330-1530 from Radio Pakistan is currently on 7510 only, via Islamabad (Rewat) 250 kW (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15100, R. Pakistan Islamabad, typical PAK music around 0640 UT Nov 17, S=6 strength. Also 17700 kHz at 1104 UT, Nov 17 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 17, dxldyg via DX WORLD OF RADIO 1487, LISTENING DIGEST)

And Wolfgang's logging indicates that at 0500-0700 UT the Urdu service to the Gulf & ME is via 15100 Rewat 250 kW only, and that listed parallel 17835 will not be on air. It's probably a good move propagationally, and also because the IBB moved Radio Farda down 5 kHz in B-09 to (below) --- which is also one of the reasons why the later service to WeEUR at 0830-1105 is now heard on 17700.

17840 0530 1030 40 IRA 250 332 251009 270310 D 16000 Persian CLN IBB
17840 1030 1200 40 IRA 250 324 251009 270310 D 16700 Persian CLN IBB
(Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA [non]. Martien Groot in Netherlands reports presumed Wantok Radio Light Nov 13 at 0739-0802, in the clear on 7324.95 after BBC Arabic off at 0659. That`s a station I still need to log definitely. Forget about it later, as CRI is on 7325 straight thru from 10 to 24 UT (except maybe a few transmission breaks before hourtops??), and CRI English was all I heard at 1421 Nov 17, // 13740 via Cuba a few sex apart. And there are numerous other major stations on 7325 at other times and even while CRI is on. At least RCI is away for B-09. Whatever became of WRL`s frequency-change plans? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7324.95, Wantok Radio Light, Port Moresby, 0739-0802, Nov 13, English (presumed) interview, praise songs to past TOH. Very slightly off frequency again as usual, wobbly carrier. Clear

channel after BBC Arabic off 0659. 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA [and non]. SHORTWAVE, THE INTERNET AND PNG
http://www.rudistettner.com/2009/11/shortwave-internet-and-papua-new-guinea.html
(via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

** PERU. 6173.834, Radio Tawantinsuyo, Cusco, ID on hour, 0000 UT 17 Nov, by om, cochannel slop. 73s de (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R 8, Icom 746Pro DL, noise reducing antenna, 60 meter band dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES [non]. 11715, uncertain language with English words here and there, Nov 17 at 1525, over rumbling het, KJES? EiBi reminds us of RVA`s new relay via VATICAN, in Tagalog back to ME:
11715 1500-1600 PHL Radio Veritas Asia TAG ME /CVA
Signal from KJES suddenly jumps up at 1530; see U S A (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. Since it`s a weekend, we get a strong RDPI morning signal on 15560 aimed 300 degrees USward, Sat Nov 14 at 1554. Trouble is, the fado was being marred by squeal and distorted modulation. Also audible on // 15520 much weaker, and longpath echo. The latter is also on weekends only (unless there is a weekday futebol game), 144 degrees oppositeward. Never mind those: good modulation and good signal on 21655 at 1606 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. MOLDOVA, Winter B-09 of Radio PMR Pridnestrovye in En/Fr/Ge (each 15 min):
2315-2400 on 6240 KCH 500 kW / 309 deg to WeEu/NoAm, Sun-Thu only
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD)[as previously in DXLD]

** ROMANIA. 9525, UT Sunday Nov 15 at 0043 playing Stravinsky. Nice and rare to hear some serious classical music on SW. Only fit is RRI Spanish service via Galbeni. If the outdated program sked on their site is still correct, it`s the second show on Saturdays, Horizonte Cultural Rumano (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [and non!]. 216, R. Rossii, Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, 2313-0016, 12 Nov, Russian, talks, music; 14341, QRM de ndb CLB, Wilmington / Carolina Beach NC, USA (!). This ndb would have been unnoticed with the K9AY, but Siberia was best via the 14 m low noise LF/MF Vertical (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 7320, GTRK Magadan, 0210-0300, Nov. 16; local/ regional programming of "Govorit Magadan" ("Magadan speaking"); series of conversations, one with many mentions of Magadan; BoH usual short station jingle; series of advertisements with phone numbers; // 5940;

both fair; 0300 switches over to the usual R. Rossii network programming (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Frequency changes for Voice of Russia:
1600-1800 NF 7320 S.P 200 kW / 215 deg to SEEu, ex 7340 in Serbian
1800-1900 on 7320 S.P 200 kW / 215 deg to SEEu, add. freq in Italian
0400-0600 on 6185*S.P 500 kW / 265 deg to SoAm, add. freq in Spanish
* very strong co-channel here in BUL from Vatican Radio, EaEu txions in Ukrainian/Belarussian/Lithuanian/Latvian/Romanian/Bulgarian.
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD) [as previously in DXLD]

** RUSSIA. A while ago I noted that what would have been VOR`s best frequency in English to NAm before 0700, 9840, had co-channel QRM from R. Rossii, which incredibly is also on 9840 at 0500-0800. Now it`s the other way round, with the Russian-language service way over what can be traced of VOR in English, Nov 17 at 0638. What were they thinking? VOR is 250 kW, 70 degrees from Pet/Kam, while RR is 250 kW, 260 degrees from a Moscow site. Perhaps the problem is not so acute in Alaska or Oregon targets? VOR`s other frequency, 9855, 250 kW, 50 degrees from Vladivostok, is always weaker than 9840 and no alternative here (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non]. 9570, Nov 17 at 1539 string quartet until finale of movement or work at 1543. Great to hear such classical music, so kudos to R. Bl·govest, but no tnx for no back-announcement identifying it; right into bells and ID in Russian, 1544 mentioned New York, talk, sermon? 1553 bells and ID again, good S9+18 signal, more IS until 1555:45*. This is via RVA, PHILIPPINES, 250 kW, 331 degrees per Aoki, but supposed to last until 1557 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA. 6055, R. Rwanda, 2035 Nov. 15, stronger than co-channel Iran VOIRI in Spanish, clear IDs, more dominant towards 2100, off 2102 (Steve George, MA USA, R8B + 45m long wire, Cumbre DX via DXLD) Language? Any English as previously reported from RRR around this time? (gh)

** SAINT HELENA. Radio Saint Helena Day reports --- it`s always a problem how to organize these from multiple sources at diverse times. So this time we start with those reaching us directly at DXLD, then grouped by other sources (gh)

RSH is on air now... very very little signal here in south Italy (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, 2003 UT Nov 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio St. Helena, 11092.5 USB, heard here at *2000. Using the Drake R8 and 200' W-E wire (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, ibid.)

RSH fair at *2000 UT in Japan. S-6 (S. Hasegawa, ibid.)

After usual greetings into the Eagles 'Hotel California' live version (Steve Lare, MI, ibid.)

11092.5 USB, Radio St. Helena, 2000-2008, 14-11, inicio de transmisiÛn a las 2000, m˙sica, a las 2002 locutor, comentario, identificaciÛn: "Radio St. Helena, 11092.5 kHz, USB, St. Helena, South Atlantic Ocean", a las 2007 m˙sica. Buena seÒal. 35433 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable 8 metros, Escucha realizada en casco urbano de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ya por Barcelona, Venezuela se est· escuchando muy bajito la seÒal de Radio Santa Helena, estuve escuchando m˙sica instrumental. Lo que creo es que hoy la vamos a poder recibir muy bien. Frec 11092.5 usb con Sony ICF2001D y antena hilo largo de 20 metros. Atte (JosÈ ElÌas, 2013 UT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Heard here in Manassas, Virginia. On at 2000 UT with anthem. Faint talk. Barely hearing. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, 2016, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11092.5U, R. St. Helena, 2211-0030, 11/14-11/15/09. S3 signal with peaks to S4 at 2211 tune-in. Figured with this good start, signal would be strong by North American beam. However, as with everyone else, the first hour was the best. Each subsequent beam heading was worse. Signal completely lost sometime before 0030. Signal peaked in midwest at 2244 when "The Entertainer" ragtime music heard. Pirate singing heard well at 2254. Pirate covered R. St. Helena. Didn't even bother to record this year (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Perseus SDR, Drake R8B, Wellbrook 1.1M Loop, Par Electronics 45' Random Wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11092.5 (USB), R. Saint Helena (presumed), 2316-0010, Nov. 14-15. Poor reception; played a lot of music (John Denver with ìAnnieís Songî, etc.), but they never reached a level that I could make out what the announcers said. After 0000 went downhill to unusable. Completely different from last yearís fair reception in which I could understand most of what was said (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11092.5 usb, R. St™ Helena, Ponceys, 2001-2341, 14 Nov, English, announcements, IDs, reports, music; 25342, but very poor readability due to the audio quality; stronger signal at 2330 despite their NAm

beam. I do miss the quality of the old, scrapped Cable & Wireless transmitter. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11092.5/USB, Radio St. Helena (presumed); 2353-2403+, 14/15-Nov; Only hint of music at tune-in. No improvement at 2400. Poor with pulse & woodpecker burst QRM (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW + (new) 86 ft. coil dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Saint Helena Day, 2009y, 11092.5-USB --- I heard it, but it was totally unsatisfying, mostly inaudible. Fortunately, last year and others were much better, and QSLed, so the novelty is wearing off, anyway.

Started monitoring at 2000 UT Nov 14, but as I dozed during my nap, no trace of it thru 2150, just the ute on the low side (fax idling?), and occasional other types of ute QRM, such as two beeps every 16 seconds, bits of CW; at 0024 running-water overriding everything, but briefly.

At 2134 I checked BBC Ascension, 12095, the nearest geographically and frequencially, found it only fair with flutter fading. If that`s the best we can expect from the South Atlantic, with 250x the power and many times the antenna gain, not surprising RSH is not making it.

However, next check at 2220 on a different receiver/antenna setup, RSH was just barely audible, bits of music. 2254 sounded like a sea chanty; singing, anyway (Mick Delmage, Alberta says a pirate interrupted at this very moment). 2312, mostly music. Later could catch a few occasional words: 2358, `thank you very much`; UT Nov 15: 0003 mention Jamestown; 0005 Japan? 0006 very familiar romantic tenor tune I am trying to name.

During the final hour I knew I would be spending my time better by bandscanning for lots of other stations rather than straining to hear a few more words from RSH, but checked it occasionally. 0024 about the same barely audible reception; 0030 even weaker; 0041 JBA music; 0058 very poor going from talk to music, maybe GSTQ at wrapup. The final sesquihour was allegedly toward NAm.

This was so marginal, that any way to increase gain was necessary, so tried various combinations of receivers and antennas. What I really need is a log-periodic. There were no detectable changes at the publicized antenna rotation times of 2100, 2200 or 2330. However, at 2301 it either went off briefly, or local noise level went up.

The signal was so weak that I had a hard time zeroing in on it, with no carrier as a guide; finally picked a spot on the DX-398 40-Hz fine-

tuning between 11092 and 11093 and stuck to it.

Anyway, tnx to everyone for their trouble in putting this on again, no doubt a treat for those who could hear it better or for the first time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It was interesting to read all the posts of little to no reception of Radio St. Helena, especially in North America.

Here I was able to record the entire broadcast from 2000, although the North American portion was by far the worst reception and suffered from the usual distortion as had been noted in the past. An e-mail to the station did not get answered no was the problem fixed as it had been in the past. RF getting back into the transmitter with their antenna beam directly at the utility transmission tower on the RSH site.

2000 "crash started" with a couple of time pips and the National anthem. The first song was Hotel California and at 2020 the "unofficial NA" St. Helena Island was played. Throughout the first couple of hours there was mention of a contest and winners were selected at 0057 UT.

Some other hilites was the pirate heard at 2254 singing over the ABBA tune about wanting to meet up wth a lady on St. Helena (not using those words though).

Best reception was probably between the 2200 hour to Europe when many Japanese listeners reported very good reception and received several music requests.

Any of the pre-recorded segments (with the Governor, Commerce advisor, or the young school girl that read a brief history of her school) just did not have very good audio and was lost once it hit the shortwaves.

Useual "classic" pop/rock tunes from ABBA, Rush, The Carpenters, Joe Cocker etc were played but during the North American broadcast I did not recognize more than a couple of tunes and very little, if any e-mails were read.

So, I suspect our choice of a log periodic helped reception, but the beverages did do well early on as did the K9AY. I was using an Icom R72, while Don and Nigel used their Perseus.

By far the worst reception in recent memory of RSH day but by far not a complete loss. 73 (Mick Delmage, AB, Icom R72, Log Periodic, several beverage antenna and K9AY, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11092.5 USB, R St Helena, 2000, 11/14/09. Near noise floor signal, most of the time just enough to tell what parts were music and what parts were speech. Reception surprisingly consistent during first three segments, improved slightly at start of NA segment, but disappeared into the noise for good by 0020 or so. Will have to listen hard to my recordings to see if I can come up with enough for a report, but not too optimistic. Poor (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn; We thought we would send you this little clip from yesterday`s St. Helena broadcast. At 2254 UT all of a sudden we heard this pirate start singing. We all kind of looked at each other with that "What the?" look. Anyway, with the lack of DXers being able to hear most of the broadcast we have seen no mention of this dude. 73 from Lamont (Mick Delmage, Don Moman, Nigel Pimblett, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have, but no one wanted to quote what he sang. I don`t hear any really naughty words in it, variations upon ``For those who can`t get laid, turn on the shortwave, it`s Radio Saint Helena Day`` (gh, DXLD)

2015 UT, sotto il rumore si "intuisce" a tratti la presenza di un segnale, forse qualche nota musicale (Gianfranco Buonomo, Pontecagnano (SA), Italy, AIR 8BG57 - SWL I8-56330, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

Piano piano ma arriva, e nella mezz'ora Ë gi‡ salita un po', fortunatamente il canale Ë pulito (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily 2030 UT, ibid.)

Per quest'anno RSH Ë rimasta una buona intenzione, praticamente zero assoluto dalle 2000 UT fino a questo momento (2307). Sar‡ per la prossima volta... Ciao a tutti (Gianfranco Buonomo, Pontecagnano (SA), 2344 UT, ibid.)

St Helena 11092.5 kHz, Well quite a good signal here (Mark Davies, Anglesey, UK, 2031 UT, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

The signal has been VERY weak here in Berkshire since s/on at 2000 UT, only just a trace really. Hopefully it will improve when the beam moves around towards Europe at 2200 (Dave Kenny, Caversham, 2034 UT, ibid.)

I am only getting a load of noise hear in sunny Letchworth Garden City. This is the first year I have not heard a thing at the start of the transmissions. I will keep listening though (Steve Calver, 2056 UT, ibid.)

Very weak time sig & 'Life on the Ocean Wave' here in Caversham at

2000 UT. But too weak to copy any of subsequent talk. So I suggest you try what I'll do Steve and tune in again later at 2200 UT when target switches to Europe (Alan Pennington, Caversham, AOR 7030+ K9AY, ibid.)

Signal improving slightly for a while around 2300 but still very weak despite switch to European beam at 2200 UT. Records by Abba, Rod Stewart (Sailing), etc., but copying talk still difficult. Worst St Helena reception here in southern England I can remember for a long time. Will see how reception changes at 2330 UT when switches to America beam! (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ longwire / K9AY/beverage/ Datong active in roof, 2319 UT, ibid.)

Managed to hear their sign-on at 2000 UT last night, very weak and could only make out a few odd words. It seemed to improve slightly around 2130 here, but still not enough copyable speech to compile a reception report with. Better at 2255, could follow more speech and music, but still very weak. Suffered from QRM from the low energy light bulbs, a low level buzz, which can make listening to a very weak signal difficult. I agree with Alan, its the worst reception I can remember. 73's (Nick Rank, Buxton UK, Nov 15, ibid.)

I do agree with the comments thus far about reception last night, this was the only time i could not copy the European beam at all!! A real shame, although one DX'er i keep regular contact with was copying very well and heard even the beams not directed to us!! One "event" to look forward to and I couldn`t hear a sausage!!! Maybe next year (Steve Calver, Nov 15, ibid.)

Reception didn't actually change here when they switched to the North American beam at 2330 UT. In fact it continued to improve gradually - a bit stronger and speech more readable as a result at 2337 UT - still probably only SIO 252 at best though. Rapid fading meant it wasn't an enjoyable listen even then (Alan Pennington, Caversham, ibid.)

The reception last night was atrocious! I cannot remember a time when it was so bad! This compares to last year when the reception was the best ever - but then again we were on Creech Hill with an excellent aerial man! With weather as it was yesterday, I'm so pleased I didn't venture out! (David Morris, Poole, ibid.)

No sign of RSH here. At 20:15 a carrier appeared but subsided 2 min later (Ashok Satpathy, India? 2036 UT Nov 14 dx_india yg via DXLD)

Good reception in Thrissur, Kerala. Have a segment recorded (T R Rajeesh, Thrissur, Kerala, 2058 UT, ibid.)

Dear Friends, The following link will gives the reception quality of Radio St. Helena in Chennai, India.

http://dxersguide.blogspot.com/2009/11/radio-st-helena-in-chennai.html (Jaisakthivel, Chennai, India, ibid.)

Nothing at all at my location in eastern India using a SONY ICF7600GR and a 80 ft long wire temporarily strung 30 ft high between 2 trees in an electrically quiet area. Sad and a repeat of the experience in 2008. At least last year I could register a carrier. Keen to know if others too had similar experience in eastern India. Anyways, congratulations to those who successfully copied the transmission. Cheers (Ashok Satpathy, ibid.)

Reception right from 2000 using Icom R71A with 80 metre dipole at 45 feet. Same signals on 40 metre dipole as well. SIO 3/4, 4, 4/3. Good signals if not for the SSB audio on music. Reported to them and received acknowledgement. 73 Victor Goonetilleke, Colombo, Sri Lanka, ibid.)

Going by reports, it appears that we in Asia had the best reception. Readability was 100% the first hour and a half, of course the SSB quality wasn't very good on music and female voices. I could pick it up at 50% readability on the ATS 909 with the telescopic whip. Programme details were no problem. On a personal note, my brother's e-mail was read and he got 3 e-mail responses back. He is a ham and a DXer as well. I had none but my mail was read out in full at 2106. It was 3 a.m. at 2130 and I went to bed, hoping to get up at 0050 to see the last minutes but overslept.

A lovely event when I was able to be home, with my best antennas a good receivers and the weather kept good minus thunderstorms. I used my 80m dipole at 45 feet and Icom R71A and Yaesy FT897 and my 40m dipole. I have not checked what the antenna and what the real power the station used were. Hope I can see a nice detailed report and some photographs on the Internet soon. Last year I was in Dubai with the PCR1000 and just a wire from the apartment with poor to fair at best. It was nice that so many of us were listening at the same time, not often does that happen. 73 and hi from Sri Lanka (Victor Goonetilleke, Nov 16, ibid.)

ST HELENA IS ON AIR with NA at 1900 [sic] on 11092.55 with ID's (Steve Price, Johnstown, PA, 2004 UT Nov 14, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Propagation seems to be a ditto from last year so far; not good. The Asia/Japan first two hours have only recognized music selections so far. any words are extremely difficult to nil copy. Perhaps things will change when beamed to Eu and NAm (Steve Price, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, USA, 400 foot hzl "L" at 270 and 0 degrese with 200 foot buried counterpoise with many 8 foot deep ground rods connected in series, 2142 UT, ibid.)

Here in Vernon, BC I heard them s/on at 2000 but right thru to about 2200 the signal was very weak and not understandable. Won't have a chance to listen for the rest of the day (Harold Sellers, ibid.)

Absolutely nothing heard throughout the scheduled broadcast here at the home office on the shores of Chemung Lake near Peterborough, ON (Mark Coady, 0023 UT Nov 15, ibid.)

Same here in Toronto. Nothing heard (Greg Shoom, 0037 UT, ibid.)

I was listening at 2000 and heard bits of audio and the time pips on the hour. Checked in a few times over the next 4 hours and heard nothing that could pass as program details. At 0100 sign-off could make out "God save the Queen". At 2000 utc I was listening on a JRC-NRD 525 with a 50 ft wire on roof. At 0100 I was listening on a Sony 2010 with a 20 ft wire clipped to the external antenna. A far cry from the arm chair copy I recall in broadcast # 1 in 1990 (Jerry Coatsworth, Merlin Ont., ibid.)

Nothing heard here so far. Maybe later when the beam turns this way (Dan Ferguson, SC, 2153 UT, NASWA yg via DXLD)

I was able to hear enough at sign on (I HOPE) to be able to qualify for the QSL. Right now (2157 UT) absolutely nothing here on the east coast, Long Island (John Schneider, AOR AR5000A+3 w/ Collins mechanical filters at 3kHz and 6kHz, Alpha-Delta DX-LB+ (east/west orientation), DXtreme Shortwave Logging, ibid.)

It has been poor but steady since I began tuning about 2130. I can distinguish between music and talk, man and woman announcers, and on peaks occasional words are intelligible and some music can be identified. But hasn't yet risen to the level where I can make out the gist of programming for any appreciable length of time (Don Jensen, WI, 2255 UT, ibid.)

Heard with threshold signal at 2000-2030. Could make out some music and announcements but nothing definite. Since than signal has disappeared below noise level (Steve Wood, 2258 UT, ibid.)

I now have absolutely nothing after I thought I was beginning to start to propagate at 2250 (Steve Price, Johnstown, PA, 2301 UT, ibid.)

Noise level high to moderate but no signal evident from St. Helena. Had better signal earlier, approx 2030 (Steve Wood, 0043 UT, ibid.)

Wow...listened through the 2330 U.S. target transmission and the noise level has gone through the roof!! Tried both the AR5000+3 and Icom

746PRO. Nada, nothing, zip. Good luck to all! (John Schneider, 2344 UT, ibid.)

I believe I hear it but it is not much over the noise. A small shade better post 2330 but still not enough for details. I can hear music when it is music and talk when it is talk (Rich Mitchell, where? 2347 UT, ibid.)

I've been listening off and on for the past few hours (2350 UT now). Signals never got much over the noise here either. Hoped to hear significant change at 2330 with beam change, but nothing different at all. Maybe they forgot to move the beam more West? (Tim Lemmon, where? ibid.)

11092.5 kHz, NESSUNA TRACCIA DI RADIO SANT HELENA Ciao ! La Propagazione sembra che non ha favorito qui nel nord Italia ed anche nell'Europa la ricezione dello speciale in onda da Radio Sant Helena .... Solar Flux 75 ed A-index 5 Valori troppo bassi (Dario Monferini, Milano, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD) Viz.:

:Product: Geophysical Alert Message wwv.txt
:Issued: 2009 Nov 14 2106 UTC
Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center
#
Geophysical Alert Message
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Solar-terrestrial indices for 14 November follow.
Solar flux 75 and estimated mid-latitude A-Index 5.
The mid-latitude K-index at 2100 UTC on 14 November was 1 (07 nT).
No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours.
No space weather storms are expected for the next 24 hours (via Dario)

Effettivamente io ho lasciato a registrare pi˘ di un'ora, prendendo diversi target di riferimento: risultato ZERO assoluto. Nessuna traccia di segnale, forse ogni tanto uno skip, ma veramente inintellegibile. Pazienza (Leo Peppe, ibid.)

2000 UTC with "Crash Start" couple of time pips, national anthem, full SW schedule. Mention of wet and windy weather. Fair-good.First tune, the Eagles Hotel California. Go get em gang. Listening at Don Moman antenna ranch with Don Moman, Nigel Pimblett and myself (Mick Delmage, AB, RX: Icom R72, 4-30 MHz Log Periodic 2013, HCDX via DXLD)

Colegas. J· se encontra em meu blog as ˙ltimas escutas em meus logs com trechos da Radio Santa Helena. (Latest recordings of logs, including Radio St. Helena) http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006

(Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia, Brasil, Nov 15, HCDX via DXLD)

Curiosamente yo la escuchÈ mejor en la emisiÛn hacia India que en la de Europa, he puesto un par de videos en Youtube para quien los quiera ver:
EmisiÛn hacia India: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67ZeIvRGXP4
EmisisÛn hacia Europa: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5oD0u-cI6c

En Èste ˙ltimo caso templÈ hasta los 11092.54 pues se escuchaba ahÌ mejor. Disculpad la pÈsima calidad de los videos (realizados con el mÛvil), pero no tenÌa otros medios y querÌa dejar el testimonio audiovisual. Saludos (Jorge Trinado, Spain, Nov 15, noticiasdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

11092.5, 14.11 2200, Radio St Helena started the transmission for Europe with "With a little help from my friends" by Joe Cocker. Not any decent strength but quite OK and good readability. At 2300 the strength increased and Rod Stewart was sailing in nice and easy followed by only well known oldies. Very easy for a report. Radio St Helena was heard from the start at 2000 when the signal was quite lousy but audible all the time. You could not say they had any HiFi quality. Especially the speech was of lousy quality with canned modulation. It was very nice to sit and follow them all evening. Also the beam for the Americas could be heard well. The ending was a nice version of God Save the Queen (Anders Hultqvist, Dalarˆ, Sweden, SW Bulletin Nov 15, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11092.5 USB, Radio Saint Helena, 2000-2300, 14-November-2009, English. Program Details: 2000: Sign on with music and frequency and program target announcement. 2005: Statement by St' Helena Governor, 2008 to 2100: Numerous Pop songs and requests by listeners interspersed with a few phone calls from listeners with requests Signal: 2000 to 2100 Fair to good at times, 2100 to 2200 Fair to poor, 2200 to 2300 Poor (Ed Wlodarski, NJ or NY, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** SAMOA. David Ricquish (and Adrian Sainsbury) were a goldmine of information about Pacific Island stations. For instance, 2AP in Samoa on 540 is running 2.5 kW and the facility is held together by "rat dung" (Walt Salmaniw, visiting NZ, Nov 14, full report under NEW ZEALAND, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. Hi, The other day while I was waiting for St Helena (unsuccessful), I heard Rhyad very clear and quite good on 9870 in Arabic at 2000. Maybe you want to check it out. Regards (Alex Wellner, Australia, Nov o18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. The Buzzing Service of the KSA, again heard on 11785,

Nov 12 at 1413, producing some QRM to NHK 11780 in English via UK. This buzz not strong and not heard every day on this Riyadh-listed frequency.

11785, Buzzing service again audible but poorly Nov 13 at 1444. I wonder if this is same Riyadh transmitter which used to buzz on 21505 until 1500, and therefore the latter is off, or off earlier than before? Anyhow I have not been able to hear both at same time. After 1500, 15435 is still the address for this.

11785, BuzzSKSA, Nov 16 at 1452, still audible weakly at 1457. A few sesquiminutes after 1500 buzz audible on 15435 but much weaker than usual.

11785, buzz transmitter stronger than usual, Nov 17 at 1433, but only audio audible underneath it is Chinese, i.e. CRI via Kashgar, EAST TURKISTAN. I have yet to be able to hear any Arabic along with the buzz to be positive it`s BSKSA, but sounds just like the big buzzes previously heard on 21505 and 15435. 11785 is a known frequency of Riyadh in B-08 per WRTH, and EiBi B-09 now has it:
11785 1000-1700 ARS BSKSA 1 A ME

At 1459 buzz was bothering RNA BRASIL adjacent 11780 as it IDed, and still going at 1502. The biggest buzz usually starts a few minutes before 1500 on 15435, but barely audible today if at all. I would like to hear them both at same time to confirm if there are TWO such transmitters at Riyadh.

11785 buzz, Nov 18 at 1446 mixing with Chinese, no Arabic audible; at 1522, the usual big buzz on 15435 was only S7, and a trace of same still on 11785 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [non]. Winter B-09 schedule of International Radio Serbia:
0100-0128 on 6190&BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to NoAm Serbian Mon-Sat
0100-0158 on 6190&BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to NoAm Serbian Sun
0130-0158 on 6190&BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to NoAm English Mon-Sat
1900-1928 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Russian
1930-1958 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu English
2000-2028 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Spanish
2030-2058 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Serbian Sun-Fri
2030-2128 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Serbian Sat
2100-2128 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu German Sun-Fri
2130-2158 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu French
2200-2228 on 6100#BIJ 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu English
2230-2258 on 7230@BIJ 250 kW / 100 deg to AUS Serbian
&co-ch 0100-0200 Deutschlandfunk in German
       0100-0200 PBS Xizang in Mongolian
       0130-0200 VOIROI/IRIB in Urdu

#co-ch 1830-1930 VOIROI/IRIB in Albanian
2030-2130 VOIROI/IRIB in Albanian
1900-2000 China Radio International in Russian
2000-2200 China Radio International in Arabic
2200-2230 China Radio International in Chinese
@co-ch 2230-2300 VOA in English+R.Rossii in Russian
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD)

Hmmm, it might pay for IRS to participate in HFCC. 6100 is an ancient Yugoslav frequency, but the others don`t recognize it since not registered. Altho not necessary if you know what is really going on before making a change, such as 7230 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SIERRA LEONE [non]. I am rarely monitoring so late, but after hearing BBC on 13820 Nov 14 at 0729, it was time to check for Cotton Tree News at 0730 on 11875. Nothing there at first, but when I retuned a few dekaseconds after 0730, there it was in English news with very heavy accent, QRM de WEWN on 11870. But why would he mention ``Chilean`` several times? O, I get it: that`s how the announcer pronounces ``Sierra Leone``. Would seem to need some dixion lessons, unless everybody says it that way, and who am I to criticize the SL dialect?

At 0733, ``This news is coming to you from CTN`` (just the abbreviation). Next check at 0752 two women were conversing, with even heavier accents, or was it the local language, or a mixture? I certainly heard some English words now and then. They were still going at 0800* sharp when transmission cut off abruptly, no closing, sign-off or goodybe until tomorrow. I suspect the start at *0730 was just as abrupt. After all this time, the studio and transmitter are still unable to coˆrdinate, or have no concept of how to open and close a radio program. The transmitter being VTC Rampisham UK, so my getting Ascension just before it on 13820 was not really a tipoff to a nightmiddle European opening (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Via VTC Rampisham, UK, 11875, Cotton Tree News, *0730-0800*, Nov 15, abrupt sign on with English news in progress. ìCTNî ID at 0736. Talk in English & vernacular. Weak. Poor in noisy conditions. Very difficult to understand English due to thick accents. Thanks to Glenn Hauser tip (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, 0707, SIBC Honiara reactivated, noted 8 Oct with news of reactivation in English, mentioning just in time to communicate tsunami warning. Very good strength but modulation rough and some breakdowns noted (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand, with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, Nov NZ DX Times via DXLD)

David Ricquish (and Adrian Sainsbury) were a goldmine of information about Pacific Island stations. The Solomon Islands SW transmitter on 5020 is back on the air thanks to the technical assistance from Adrian who was able to tweak the transmitter back to 5020 from previous 5018v. It's the 9 MHz transmitter tuned down to 5 MHz (very old). (Walt Salmaniw, visiting NZ, Nov 14, full report under NEW ZEALAND, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5020, BBC relay with Sports at 1512 UT. VG November 14/09 (Mick Delmage, AB, Icom R72, Log Periodic, several beverage antenna and K9AY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5019.962, 7.11 1330, SIBC has been heard almost every day lately, this day very strong at 1425. English program (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Nov 15, translated by himself for WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5019.962, 4.11 1325, Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation, Honiara. Thomas Nilsson logged SIBS in last issue of Shortwave Bulletin. And at a check this afternoon at 1325 I saw a nice carrier just below 5020. Thomas heard SIBS on 5019.962 kHz and just about there the carrier was. It started to crackle from a microphone and some minuteS later the relay of BBC started. Heard at several occasions later just on this frequency (Anders Hultqvist, Dalarˆ, Sweden, SW Bulletin Nov 15, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. 7145, R. Hargeisa, 1850 3 Oct, talk in Somali, 1858 anthem and off, SIO 222 (Dave Kenny, Sheigra, Scotland Dxpedition, Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 7235, 10 Nov 2009, 0329 UT, Trans World Radio via Meyerton - no! Just the IS that still made it on this frequency which is in use for a BBC relay until 0330. The TWR relay is scheduled to start at 0330 on 7215 - which it did just after 7235 closed down. Listed as Oromo language. 55433 (for both frequencies). 73, (Eike Bierwirth, Boulder, CO 80305 USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. RSA, 3345, AWR, Meyerton, 1808-1822, 15 Nov, English to ZWE, hymns, feature about HIV; 35332; \\ 3215. Propagation from Southern Africa must have been particularly favourable last evening as several Meyerton frequencies were strongly received by my standards up here in Lisbon, meaning "35332" would almost certainly translate into 4-55433 or better on my SW coast place (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA [non]. Cancelled IBC Tamil service via Media Broadcast:

0000-0100 on 6045 WER 125 kW / 105 deg to SAs in Tamil, effective from Nov. 4 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD)

IBC Tamil, clandestine radio stopped its one hour morning transmissions to South Asia: LTTE funded Tamil clandestine radio IBC-TAMIL told on their 4 Nov 2009 morning broadcast, they will start its one hour evening transmissions to South Asia. But they were not broadcast. In 2002 they broadcast on 1200 UT at 17485 kHz.

Their official website were also not working and the London phone numbers too not gives any response. One of the contributor from Chennai for IBC Tamil, were also confirm the same.

Its morning transmissions at 0000 to 0100 on 6045. Both the above said frequencies provide good reception at my location in Chennai.

Interestingly, Few years back IBC's main rival at European skies, TAMIL BROADCASTING CORPORATION - LONDON stopped its shortwave transmissions, which was usually heard 1230-1330 at 21590 (Jaisakthivel, Chennai, India, http://www.dxersguide.blogspot.com DX Quiz: http://www.dxquiz.wordpress.com Nov 18, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WRN London stopped IBC Tamil program via Media&Broadcast Wertachtal 6045 on Nov 3. Budget problems by the Tamil Tiger insurgents after military victory of Sri Lanka - Ceylon government? (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

LTTE? WRN and IBC Tamil always distanced themselves from that (gh)

Can somebody check out their satellite signal on Hotbird 6, 12.597 GHz v, SID 8225, APID 2122?

And I will have to seek for more UK-based opinions on this station. Of course there is the hardcore propaganda against IBC Tamil, like this article http://www.lankanewspapers.com/news/2009/4/42465_space.html

But there are clearly diverging opinions in the UK, see under "Sri Lanka" at http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld7148.txt
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[later:] Done: They are still on [satellite] air, at least they were three hours ago. I put a recording under "station sounds" in the Yahoo group. As on an earlier occasion this is the signal as transmit, in MPEG 1 Layer II, thus .mp2, with original bitrate and audio level of course.

At present http://www.ibctamil.co.uk redirects to

http://www.ibctamil.net which is basically broken. The page is supposed to show two images from external servers, but the respective URL's are dead. The linked audio stream under http://ibcradio2.primcast.com:8648 does not work either.

Perhaps Glenn can ask WRN for clarification? I assume WRN provides the satellite transmission, too (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

** SUDAN [non]. 17745, Nov 17 at 1605, Arabic dialog mentioning Sudan, 1628 ID like ``Radio Al-Amara``, but 1632 and 1639 amid Arabic each time mentioned ``Sudan Radio Service`` twice, IDs in passing. Good signal but with echo; longpath unlikely at this frequency, so backscatter or at least multipath? Via Sines, PORTUGAL, 15-17, 250 kW, 114 degrees.

17745, Sudan Radio Service, Nov 18 at 1526 hilife music. Just as I was wondering exactly when English is now scheduled, at 1527 on came a PSA in English that only Sudanese citizens are eligible to vote in upcoming elexions, and how to go about registering with passport or other documentation, endorsement by a religious leader, etc. 1528 more music. 1529 non-English announcement, annoying echo, 1533 Sudan Radio Service IDs in passing during Arabic segment.

Despite the echo, much better signal here via PORTUGAL, than competing Miraya FM relay on 15650 via SLOVAKIA colliding as ever with Greece. Wait a minute --- I am hearing the SRS echo during talk, but not during music! That means it has nothing to do with propagation, but is deliberately introduced in the studio produxion, to make it sound cool? Only degrading readability.

Then searching for language schedule, Google warns with http://www.sudanradio.org --- ``this site may harm your computer`` e.g. installing malicious software. So we`ll make do with what Aoki shows: 15-17 with the first semihour in English daily, the remaining sesquihour in Arabic, but I don`t think it is so straightforward, more of a mixture (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX WORLD OF RADIO 1487, LISTENING DIGEST)

I'm running a Apple Macintosh computer so I was able to visit the site. I've attached a PDF file of their "Timetable" page with hours of operation, as well as their "Languages" page. The Languages page doesn't render in PDF well; clipped off the bottom is Saturday, noted as Toposa, and Sunday is Zande language (Bill Carney, ibid.)

Tnx, Bill. The timetable page shows:
04-05 7280
05-06 13720
15-17 17745

17-18 9840
All those are daily.

Also on Sun-Thu only, the Darfur Service:
16-17 11785

Sites not given, but 7280, 13720 and 9840 are UAE; 17745 is PORTUGAL; 11785 is SOUTH AFRICA.

The language page still does not specify English, or Arabic, nor exactly when each of these airs, as they are mainly listed for audio on demand:
Mon Dinka
Wed Moru, Nuer
Thu Bari
Fri Shilluk
Sat Topasa
Sun Zande
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. RTI Japanese service on 9735, Nov 12 at 1345 was quite strong, but overmodulating and splattering down to 9700; soon the splatter moderated but still overmod on fundamental. The sporadic spurs on 9730 and 9740 were not noted this time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4975, Voice of Russia in English at 1508 UT. End of News followed by ID and talk about the World financial crisis. Good November 14/09 (Mick Delmage, AB, Icom R72, Log Periodic, several beverage antenna and K9AY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TADJIKISTAN. 4765, Dushanbe, 0114-0132, Presumed with Mideastern style music. Fair signal. 07 Nov

4975, Voice of Russia, 1755-1802. First believe in Russian but then into English at 1758 with English ID. Weak but steady signal. First noted prior to 1730. Amazing to pick this up at local noon. Tnx Liz Cameron for pointing this out. 07 Nov (Don Moore, Brighton MI, MARE DX-pedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 9725, R. Thailand, 1401, 11/14/09. Fair signal. English news by YL. In the clear w/ no splatter from nearby stations (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Perseus SDR, Drake R8B, Wellbrook 1.1M Loop, Par Electronics 45' Random Wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET. 4820, 2030-2200, CHINA, 11.11, Xizang PBS, Lhasa. Nice U.S. Country and Western and other oldies as a welcome to President Obama. 2100 One hour of Chinese opera, rare announcement in Chinese. What a

welcome to the President! Heterodyne 34433 (Anker Petersen, from Skovlunde, Denmark, done on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

4905, PBS Lhasa in (presumed) Chinese with music and talk. VG at 1520 UT November 14/09 (Mick Delmage, AB, Icom R72, Log Periodic, several beverage antenna and K9AY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHINA, 4905 Xizang PBS, Lhasa, TIBET, 1633-1702, 15 Nov, English, news on Tibet until 1641, local songs, feature on local resources, Tibetan (presumed) at 1700; 35433.

5240 ditto, 1634-1703, 15 Nov, cf. \\ 4905; 54433, adjacent utility QRM (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. Frequency change for Voice of Tibet from Nov. 1: 1330-1430 NF 17550 MDC 250 kW / 045 deg to SWAs, ex 17560 in Tibetan (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD) i.e., via Madagascar

** TURKEY. There is a lot of confusion about VOT`s schedule, at least in Spanish. On RHC`s En Contacto Nov 16, Pedro Sedano gave it as 0200-0255 on 9410, 9650; 1500-1555 on 7335.

But the DX Mix News Bulgaria version archived at http://www.bclnews.it/b09schedules/turkey.htm says of the second (really the first) transmission, to Europe: ``1730-1825 on 9495, not 1500-1555 on 7335``. I believe that DX Mix News issued a first version with lots of errors in it, which were quickly corrected in a second version, thus the `not` annotation, and probably there never was a Spanish broadcast at 1500 on 7335.

After a lot of hunting thru the SW-user-unfriendly TRT website, I found their Spanish schedule page, http://www.trtspanish.com/trtinternational/Generic/SayfaTasarimiGoster.aspx?TaslakKodu=5db7eede-28fd-4f8b-9df1-cae35666fb72&dil=es

Trouble is, it is labeled A-09 with the corresponding dates for that, expiring 25 Oct 2009:
9495 17:30-18:30 500 DSB
9410 02:00-03:00 500 DSB
9650 02:00-03:00 500 DSB

Trouble is, the 0200 time is appropriate for winter, not summer when it is one UT hour earlier on different frequencies, so is this really the B-09 schedule? Probably. But I had not confirmed any of it by monitoring, the ultimate answer. Checked 9495 at 1813 Nov 16, but no reception, inconclusive.

Then brought up webstream also used for English at other hours, http://www.trt.net.tr/Canli/anasayfa.aspx?kanal=RDVOT
After Turkish music, multi-lingual ID filler began at 1820 which takes almost two minutes to complete, one after another; 1822 Spanish announcement and news headlines, so the 1730 time is confirmed and finally 9495 was announced for this transmission, also at 02 on 9650, 9410; into piano-variations IS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKMENISTAN. Turkmen Radio off SW? Jari Savolainen reported that he has not heard Turkmen Radio on either 4930 or 5015 for some time and wondered if anyone else is hearing them. Anker Petersen advised that TR was last confirmed on 4930 in Dec 2008 and on 5015 in Aug 2009 (via Dxplorer 6 Oct, via Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** UGANDA. 4976, R. Uganda (presumed), 2004 UT Nov. 15, strong signal but distorted audio, local language talk + music, no ID heard, off in mid-song at 2146 (Steve George, MA USA, R8B + 45m long wire, Cumbre DX via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

7194.98, R Uganda, 0557-0614, Nov 13, very tentative, carrier already on at tune-in, occasional hints of talk but much too weak for any meaningful details. Kampala sunrise was at 0331 which is about 3.5 hours earlier than at my QTH. Africalist says reception in Europe is "very unlikely", and of course I agree, but perhaps not totally impossible in our winter? See also Brandon Jordan's log from TN in DXLD 9-062. Can anyone else hear this? 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. 13820, BBCWS in English at 0729 Nov 14 plugging Have Your Say, surprisingly good signal from a band usually dead at this hour, but even 15 MHz had lots of signals on it. A-index the day before was 74, slightly up from the doldrums, K-index at 06 was 1, and at 09 was 2. 13820 is Ascension at 07-08, 250 kW, 55 degrees. So I check for SIERRA LEONE [non], q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. New freq 7395 for BBC Hindi --- Effective 17th November 2009 BBC has swapped 7205 kHz with 7395 kHz, i.e. BBC Hindi is now on 7395 (ex-7205) kHz 1400-1500 while 7205 kHz (ex-7395) is taking over BBC Burmese at 1345-1430. Parallel channels in Hindi are 5845, 5960, 9505 and 12065 kHz (Alok Dasgupta, Kolkata, Via http://dxasia.info/news/20091117 via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)
Sites?

** U K. A FIVE-STEP PROGRAMME TO SAVE THE BBC --- By Philip Stephens
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Of one thing we can be sure if David Cameron wins Britainís coming general election: the Conservatives would rein back the BBC. And if Gordon Brownís government were to defy political gravity and scrape back into office? Well, it would set about reining back the BBC.

Those charged with running Britainís public service broadcaster might pause to reflect as to how they have managed to so antagonise the two big parties. I struggled at the Labour and Tory conferences to find anyone with a good word to say about the corporation. The Liberal Democrats seemed a tad friendlier, though far from universally so. . . http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/f887df64-bcda-11de-a7ec-00144feab49a.html (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U K. BBC TOP EARNERS' SALARIES AND EXPENSES TO GO PUBLIC

The BBC will today take the unprecedented step of publishing the exact salary details and expenses of its 100 highest-paid employees ó each one of whom earns over £150,000.

The top earners, who take home an estimated £20 million a year, will also have every one of their expenses claims published on the corporationís website.

Every taxi journey, restaurant bill and five star hotel stay will be documented as the BBC publishes 3,000 individual claims made as part of an expense bill estimated to be at least £500,000 a year. Claims released today will cover the period between April and June.

A special web page will be devoted to the pay and claims made by Mark Thompson, the Director-General, and each of the other 99 top earners, whose ranks also include Jay Hunt, the controller of BBC One, and Alan Yentob, the corporationís creative director.

The BBC, which anticipates that a hostile Conservative Party will sweep to power in the general election next year, will continue to publish the figures, every three months, in a bid to show that it is the most transparant public body in the UK.

David Cameron, the Conservative leader, has campaigned against this yearís increase in the compulsory licence fee, which costs £142.50 and is paid by 25 million households. The party has promised to cut the licence fee when it gets into power, and ensure that nobody at the BBC is paid more than the £192,250 received by the Prime Minister.

The BBC has already released some expenses claims covering the past five years, which painted a picture of a lavish, jet-set lifestyle that included stays at some of the worldís most exclusive hotels and shopping trips to luxury boutiques to buy generous gifts for the

broadcasterís on-screen talent.

It was shown that the top 40 staff had claimed nearly £800,000 over the past five years, including a £1,277 private jet trip for its Director-General and a £99.99 bottle of vintage champagne given to Bruce Forsyth on his 80th birthday.

However, todayís disclosures will be more far reaching, because they cover more staff, and include previously secret claims made via the corporationís central booking system. Those extra claims are expected to push the annual total far beyond what has already been revealed.

The BBC has hinted previously at the salaries of its top 50 executives by publishing them in bands of £30,000, but todayís release will instead give exact figures for the 100 best-paid staff, as well as their expense claims for the April to June quarter of this year. It is expected to show that around 60 employees earn more than the Prime Ministerís salary of £192,250.

The corporation has already let it be known that it is cutting new contracts for performers by 20 per cent, and Sir Michael Lyons, Chairman of the BBC Trust, announced two weeks ago that nearly one in five of its senior managers, some 115 staff, will be dispensed with by 2013 and new senior staff paid far less than they could expect in the commercial sector.

A BBC source said: ìThe public have told us they want simplicity, openness and access and we believe weíve gone a lot further than other public bodies in the way weíve done this.î

The BBC continues to refuse, however, to publish details of what it pays its on-screen talent, claiming that it will unfairly disadvantage it and lead to a migration of top performers to its commercial rivals. The corporation has promised to publish the total spend on talent, but has not yet set a date.

Source:http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/industry_sectors/media/article6913274.ece

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www.dxersguide.blogspot.com (Via Jaisakthivel, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U K [and non]. HOW PIRATE RADIO IN '60S ENGLAND CHANGED THE INDUSTRY FOREVER

> In the early 1960s, many were forced to tune into pirate stations
> from nearby countries like Radio Luxembourg or Radio Mercur out of
> Denmark.

So R. Luxembourg was a pirate station? I guess BBC can be considered a black clandestine radio channel then. And being _forced_ to listen to pirate radio?! No wonder GDR had to erect the Wall to protect its citizens against this forced DXing! :)

The Pirate Radio movie is doing a bit of underwriting on Chicago Public Radio during morning traffic reports. It's ironic considering that NPR is known for its staunch anti-pirate radio position. But I guess money does matter (Sergei S., IL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) More on the movie: INTERNATIONAL WATERS

When Radio Luxembourg began broadcasting in the early 1930's the station did not manage to obtain an allocated frequency on the long wave band that it needed to broadcast daytime programmes into the UK. So it simply went ahead and took one - I suppose that's a kind of piracy, but no doubt backed by their government. The pirates did the same in the 1960's, but they did not have State backing.

According to the 1951 edition of Guide to Broadcasting Stations which was sold by "Wireless World" in the UK, Radio Luxembourg was still not allocated a long wave frequency after the 1948 Copenhagen Plan, and the 150kW transmitter is listed as operating on 233 kHz 1288 metres. I'm not sure when the station was officially allocated its present 234 kHz frequency, but no doubt the history of the station on the internet will give that information. It's worth reading about.

However, Copenhagen had kindly allocated them 1439 kHz 208.5 metres, and on there they are listed with 150 kW. I think 1951 was the year when English programmes were transferred from long to medium wave, but then in the evenings only as in daytime it was devoted to Belgium and Germany.

Their signal on 1439 kHz was via sky wave into the UK, with all that implies, and consequently, when the pirates arrived with their all day broadcasting and a strong ground wave signal into large parts of the UK, Luxembourg was at a severe disadvantage.

Of course no one was "forced" to tune to Luxembourg or to a pirate station or anywhere else for that matter, but UK listeners did so if they didn't like what they found on air via the BBC. In fact the BBC's journal "Radio Times" had at one time a small column "From the Continent" that listed programmes that could be heard from France, Belgium, Rome, Hilversum etc., but not Luxembourg or AFN!

It is well known that stations such as Luxembourg and Normandy attracted very large audiences in the UK in the 1930's, particularly at weekends, and again post WWII from Luxembourg and others. There's an awful lot of mis-information and "economy with the true facts"

concerning pirate stations.

They weren't called pirates for no reason at all. The BBC had the Musicians Union to contend with, and were allowed only so many hours each week in which they could play gramophone records of any kind - and this allocated time was spread over their three networks. I'm not sure what agreement Luxembourg had, but many of their programmes in the 1960's were sponsored by record companies.

What the pirates did was to prove the popularity of pop music and the way it was presented, and the BBC had to respond accordingly when it could. And goverment eventually did the same, with the result that we now have lots of "adult orientated" music stations (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. Schedule of UK Football commentaries in Mandarin to China: all 6230 TAC 100 kW / 090 deg [organised by WRN]

Sat Nov. 21
1245-1445 >>> Liverpool vs Manchester City
1730-1930 >>> Manchester United vs Everton
Sat Nov. 28
1500-1700 >>> Portsmouth vs Manchester United
Sun Nov. 29
1600-1800 >>> Arsenal vs Chelsea
Sat Dec. 05
1500-1700 >>> West Ham vs Manchester United
Sun Dec. 06
1600-1800 >>> Everton vs Tottenham
Sat Dec. 12
1730-1930 >>> Manchester United vs Aston Villa
Sun Dec. 13
1600-1800 >>> Liverpool vs Arsenal
Sat Dec. 19
1500-1700 >>> Fulham vs Manchester United
Sun Dec. 20
1600-1800 >>> West Ham vs Chelsea
Sun Dec. 27
1330-1530 >>> Arsenal vs Aston Villa
1600-1800 >>> Hull City vs Manchester United
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD)

The above info was exclusive in DXLD 9-078, but DX Mix News takes whatever it wants, never crediting any other source, as is required by DX LISTENING DIGEST! I suppose this is big in Hong Kong only.

Later word from WRN Nov 18: ``some of Chinese football commentaries will move to 6275 kHz to avoid some interference at 1400-1500 UT. It

affects all matches which air during that time``. So that means only Nov 21 and Dec 27. The ``interference`` would be from another Tashkent transmission, YFR at 14-15 on 6225, per Aoki (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. Delano transmitters moved to Tinang / CUTTING VOA ENGLISH TO NINE HOURS A DAY

Following notes from http://www.bbg.gov/reports/FY_2010_Congressional_Budget_Request_ONLINE_VERSION.pdf

The four Brown Boveri transmitters from Delano, installed in 1986, have been moved to Tinang where two such transmitters are already operational. Here the ex-Delano rigs replace old transmitters from 1969. No word about what will happen to the remaining equipment at Delano, but considering its age I suspect that the scrap yard is the most likely destination.

Equipment from Briech is considered for reuse elsewhere. Modulators from Briech are already in use at Udon Thani (same Marconi-designed and Cincinnati-made transmitters there).

The modification of an ex-Belize mediumwave transmitter for tropical bands operation from Marathon is still in the pipeline.

At present it is under consideration to lease airtime also on a second FEBC transmitter in South Korea, which must refer to 1566 kHz / 250 kW. The document confirms the mediumwave relays of RFA from Mongolia and says that expanding them is under consideration at present.

VOA English is supposed to be cut back further from 14 to 9 hours a day. Studio equipment at Springfield VA (Alhurra and Radio Sawa) will be replaced completely, some modernization is planned for Washington (VOA) facilities as well. One RFA studio will be turned into a TV studio (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 11, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

** U S A. Following story is very similar to a previous one; glad to see the Herald is getting caught up (gh, DXLD)

VOICE OF AMERICA EXPANDS ITS LATIN AMERICAN AUDIENCE
Miami Herald, By Juan O. Tamayo, November 17, 2009
http://www.miamiherald.com/news/americas/story/1337778.html

Facing a group of presidents loudly critical of Washington, the U.S. government's Voice of America broadcast is expanding its audience in Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador and Nicaragua, VOA officials say.

VOA's Spanish-language division also will step up its use of Radio/TV MartÌ's production facilities in Miami because of budget pressures on both broadcasters, the officials added.

The VOA effort to grow its Latin American audience comes as the Obama administration tries to counter the attacks on U.S. policies by several presidents in the region: Hugo Ch·vez in Venezuela, Evo Morales in Bolivia, Rafael Correa in Ecuador and Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua.

``Our focus is on the Andean region because of the upheavals that are going on there,'' said Spanish division director Alberto Mascaro. ``Our second priority is Central America, especially Nicaragua and Honduras.''

The Andean region includes Venezuela, Ecuador and Bolivia, Colombia and Per˙. Honduran President Manuel Zelaya, a Ch·vez ally, was ousted in July and is seeking to return to power.

VOA -- which only broadcasts internationally -- transmits its reports via shortwave radio, local FM affiliates and satellite television as well as its Web pages. Funded by the government, it is required to observe standards of ``accuracy, balance, comprehensiveness, and objectivity.''

``We need to contribute to informed dialogue'' in the Andean region and Central America, Joan Mower, VOA public relations and development director, told El Nuevo Herald in a telephone interview from Washington.

Mower said VOA has 319 affiliated radio stations in the Andean region that broadcast its free programs -- 199 in Bolivia, 77 in Colombia and seven each in Ecuador and Per˙. It also has 95 television affiliates, with the largest number, 23, in Colombia. The Spanish division has 21 staffers and a 2009 budget of $3.1 million.

VOA's ruling Board of Broadcasting Governors decided to increase the broadcaster's reach into the Andes and Central America after three board members toured the two regions this summer, Mower said.

The broadcaster, looking to hire a marketing specialist to increase the number of affiliates, recently completed a major update of its Spanish-language website and last month gathered 17 Latin American freelancers in Washington for training, she added.

Starting next month, VOA will run training sessions for journalists in Bolivia, Argentina, Panama and Haiti on how to cover the swine flu epidemic. It's also working to give affiliates easier Internet access

to broadcast-quality video and audio materials.

VOA's most recent surveys in the five Andean countries plus Cuba showed a total audience of 1.9 million adults -- 1.4 million on radio, 500,000 on television and 200,000 on the Internet, Mower said.

Mascaro said the increased use of Radio/TV MartÌ's Miami studios is the result of budget pressures on both broadcasters.

``In a time of tight budgets, we see a need to maximize resources, and the OCB has a great infrastructure,'' said Mascaro, a Cuban American who was chief of staff at the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB), in charge of the MartÌ operations. He was hired by VOA in August.

Radio/TV MartÌ now has about 170 employees and a 2009 budget of $34.8 million, but its 2010 budget is under attack by congressional critics who argue that Cuban government jamming blocks virtually all TV MartÌ reception on the island.

In August, Radio/TV MartÌ began shedding 35 employees amid expectations that Congress would cut $4.2 million from its proposed 2010 budget. But a recent proposal in the Senate would cut $15 million, in effect killing TV MartÌ.

Mascaro's hiring by VOA and the plans to use the MartÌ production facilities have fueled speculation that the Miami stations will eventually be folded into VOA, perhaps with the Spanish division moving from Washington to Miami.

Mascaro and Mower said they could not comment on the speculation, and noted that no staff moves to Miami are included in VOA's proposed 2010 budget (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

An interesting article. But somehow no figures for VoA's audience increase in Latin America are provided. IMHO TV MartÌ should be either shut down or - perhaps better idea - expanded into Latin America TV service. For those who might lose their jobs at MartÌ, here's a timely offer from RT:

RT is working on the launch of Spanish broadcasting. If you speak Spanish, have TV experience and enthusiasm, if you are eager to open new horizons, send us your CV to job.spanish @ rttv.ru or fill in this online form: http://rt.com/spanish-job

RT est· preparando una nueva emisiÛn en espaÒol. Si hablas espaÒol, tienes experiencia en televisiÛn, energÌa y talento, si est·s buscando nuevos horizontes, envÌanos tu CV a job.spanish @ rttv.ru o complete este formulario online (Sergei S., IL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Frequency changes from VOA

Effective 10th November 2009 VOA in English :
1400-1600 hrs on 9930 (ex-12150 via Sri Lanka).
1400-1500 hrs on 12150 (ex-11885 via Philippines)
1500-1600 hrs on 12150 (ex-9485 via Sri Lanka)

Effective 16 November 2009 VOA in Urdu:
0100-0200 hrs on 12020 (ex-9765 via Thailand)
1400-1500 hrs on 7480 (ex-7440 via Sri Lanka)

Alok Dasgupta, Kolkata via http://dxasia.info/news/20091111
(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Nov 11, dxldyg via DXLD)

Apparently info above is more recent than some below in contradixion:

** U S A [non]. Some IBB changes effective Nov. 1-11:
0030-0100 NF 6170 KWT 250 kW / 082 deg, ex 6180 VOA Special English
0100-0200 NF 12020 UDO 250 kW / 300 deg, ex 9765 VOA AKD Urdu
0400-0500 NF 9430 WER 250 kW / 105 deg, ex 9765 Radio Farda Farsi
0400-0600 NF 7230 BIB 100 kW / 063 deg, ex 7355 RL Russian
0500-0730 NF 9760 LAM 100 kW / 104 deg, ex 9585 Radio Farda Farsi
0700-0800 NF 9535 BIB 100 kW / 065 deg, ex 9520 RL Russian
0700-0900 NF 9520 LAM 100 kW / 055 deg, ex 17815 Radio Farda Farsi
1200-1230 NF 17840 LAM 100 kW / 108 deg, add.freq Radio Farda Farsi
1400-1500 NF 7480 IRA 250 kW / 340 deg, ex 7440 VOA AKD Urdu
1400-1500 NF 9930 IRA 250 kW / 322 deg, ex 11885 VOA English
1500-1600 NF 9930 IRA 250 kW / 322 deg, ex 9485 VOA English
1500-1530 NF 9450 TIN 250 kW / 305 deg, ex 9530 VOA Uzbek
1600-2130 on 7580 IRA 250 kW / 315 deg, ex 16-24 Radio Farda Farsi
1700-1730 NF 6135 BIB 100 kW / 105 deg, ex 6130 RFE Moldovan Mon-Fri
1700-1800 NF 9640 BIB 100 kW / 063 deg, ex 9865 RL Russian
1800-1900 NF 9435 BIB 100 kW / 063 deg, ex 9795 RL Russian
1800-1900 on 9525 LAM 100 kW / 092 deg, RL Caucasus Echo Russian
1800-1900 on 9780 BIB 100 kW / 088 deg, RL Caucasus Echo Russian
2200-2230 NF 11905 GB 250 kW / 184 deg, ex 11895 VOA Creole
2200-2400 NF 6070 UDO 250 kW / 018 deg, ex 6105 VOA English
[AKD = Aap Ki Dunyaa] (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. VOA is at it again --- interfering with itself.
Nov 11 at 2056 I find a large open carrier on 15580. It could have
been on from 5 to 10 minutes earlier. That`s Greenville about to start
its only hour of VOA English on this frequency. But VOA English runs
on 15580 from 14 to 22 with six transmitter site changes in eight
hours (plus a beam change from the same site), so there could well be
many more instances of this on 15580 and many other frequencies, as
VOA abuts many transmissions from different sites on same frequency.

In this case it`s Iranawila, Sri Lanka, which had been running the previous hour of English, also to Africa, from the other worldside. I could barely imagine hearing VOA audio underneath the carrier, but in target Africa the situation should be quite different with more equal signal levels from the two.

I had other stuff to monitor around hourtop so did not note when GB-15580 started modulating with YDD sign-on or not, but the carrier alone is problem enough, and by 2103 VOA news was in progress.

Checked 15580 again 24 hours later on Nov 12: at tune-in 2027 the strong Greenville carrier was already on, but broke for less than a minute, off again at 2031. Next check at 2047 it was on again and stayed on until 2100 programming.

This is worse than what was happening for months on 17585 between Greenville and Botswana at 1430, until toward the end of A-09, after our repeated complaints they finally got their act together to coordinate the switchover without overlapping for a few minutes.

How long will it take this time to drop carrier immediately (DCI) and then crash-start (CS) from the next transmitter?

R. MartÌ, Greenville, 15330, Nov 12 at 1433 extremely strong and splattering plus/minus 20 kHz. Could barely detect DentroCuban jamming underneath. But is it that good in the Free Territory?

7215, SW Asian language at 1426 Nov 13 with English clips, website starting www. and ending .org, but missed the middle. Clear except for ham SSB ACI on the hi side, seems news after 1430. Aoki says: R. Liberty in Tajik, 14-15, 250 kW, 348 degrees from Sri Lanka, USward.

15205, VOA English, discussion of Hasan cut off abruptly at 1458*. It seems Washington is still having a hard time coordinating with transmitter sites, or more likely does not even try. This is Lampertheim, GERMANY, supposedly scheduled 1400-1500, 100 kW, 92 degrees. 15205 used to be a prime VOA channel for hours and hours, but now it`s shared with DW, CRI, Saudi. And the powers that be want to cut VOA English even further.

VOA Spanish check vs DentroCuban jamming, UT Nov 15: at 0020 both 9885 and stronger 5890 were playing jazz, no jamming audible. At 0052, Club de Oyentes show was giving full postal address of a Brazilian listener for many years, who must be resigned to Spanish instead of Portuguese (tho he could get the VOA African service in Luso if he tried). Still no jamming heard on 5890. See also CUBA [and non]

What a pity that the big signal from Greenville on 15580, during the 21-22 hour only, carrying VOA Music Mix shows, was distorted and splattering up to 15 kHz away, Nov 17 at 2131. On Tuesday it was Roots & Branches.

9930 with VOA English, Nov 18 at 1441 about one second behind // 9760. 9930 used to be the prime frequency of defunct KWHR Hawaii, and inherited by T8WH Palau (known to FCC as `KHBN`), which is registered there 07-22, but apparently not using it for at least two hours 14-16 when VOA via Sri Lanka is also listed, 250 kW, 322 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See change listings above

Visiting VOA vs visiting RHC, RNW, et. al: see CUBA [and non]

** U S A. Request: Please check VOA satellite schedules on the net
Dear DXLD YG members, I've tried many times to access VOA satellite schedules, but always beeing redirected. Please could you check if you get the same. I find a video on Youtube:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKFq9J4a_Dg&fmt=18

"When you visit
http://www.voanews.com/affiliates/satellite_schedules.cfm
and clik on, for example "Eutelsat Hotbird 8 13 Degrees East"
YOU DO NOT GET http://www.voa.gov/afl/pdf/hotbird.pdf
BUT YOU'RE BEING REDIRECTED TO http://www.voanews.com/english/About/
!!!" (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, Nov 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13570, WINB, VG Nov 12 at 2033 with the unmistakable mumbling of convicted sex-offending, child-marrying evangelist Tony Alamo, accusing Dr Phil of lying about him, re having guns in the compound; and blessing God anyway for whatever happens to him. Like finally being sentenced Friday Nov 13, after numerous delays per http://www.tonyalamonews.com

The WINB schedule shows him on thrice weekdaily: 8 am, 11 am, 3 pm ET = 1400, 1700, 2000 UT; the first one on 9265. WINB has shown no signs of dropping this criminal, like WWCR did as soon as he was convicted last July. Will they now after Nov 13? If they read this, would it convince them?
http://www.tonyalamonews.com/584/tony-alamos-secrets-exposed.php
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

JUDGMENT DAY FOR TONY ALAMO (the text is from my blog on November 13)
http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com/2009/11/breaking-news-tony-alamo-radio.html

As I return home from lunch some good news --- Tony Alamo (a.k.a. Bernie Hoffman) gets a taste of Judgment today: A 175-Year Prison Sentence for his filthy deeds. Details via the Arkansas Times Blog,

and also via the Conway AR Log Cabin Democrat.

With all of that, the radio program of Tony Alamo Ministries is still being broadcast at this hour (2:18 pm) by KMTL 760 Sherwood AR! The ever shameless Alamo is ranting about "Adultery, Drunkenness, Lesbians, Gays" on the tape being played over that radio station. Serving the public interest, my a**. -- --
(Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, EM43aw
http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com
http://www.twitter.com/KC5KBV Nov 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EVANGELIST SENTENCED TO 175 YEARS FOR SEX CRIMES
http://www.wate.com/Global/story.asp?S=11500006&Call=Email&Format=HTML
73's, (via Noble West, TN, Nov 13, DXLD) Really an AP story, updated. Tnx also to Kevin Redding for the original, part of which:

Evangelist sentenced to 175 years for sex crimes
By JON GAMBRELL (AP) ñ 49 minutes ago Nov 13

TEXARKANA, Ark. ó Evangelist Tony Alamo was sentenced Friday to 175 years in prison for taking underage girls across state lines for sex, effectively punishing him for the rest of his life for molesting children he took as "brides" in his ministry. During Friday's hearing, some of Alamo's victims testified about how their families were destroyed while the evangelist took over their lives.

Alamo, 75, had been convicted in July on a 10-count federal indictment. U.S. District Judge Harry F. Barnes said Alamo used his status as father figure and pastor and threatened and threatened the girls with "the loss of their salvation."

"Mr. Alamo, one day you will face a higher a greater judge than me, may he have mercy on your soul," Barnes said. Just before Barnes sentenced Alamo, the evangelist offered a brief statement to the court praising God then later adding: "I'm glad I'm me and not the deceived people in the world." Alamo's lawyers said they planned to appeal Barnes' ruling. . . (via Kevin Redding, Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

Another version of the AP story:
http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20091113/ap_on_re_us/us_evangelist_child_abuse
(via Liz Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DXLD)

CNN version:
http://www.cnn.com/2009/CRIME/11/13/arkansas.evangelist.trial/
(via Harold Frodge, MI, Nov 14, DXLD)

WINB proves that there is at least one SW station where it does not

matter if you have been convicted of child sexual abuse and sentenced to 175 years. You may still pretend to evangelize on the air! Nov 16 at 1603, gospel music into the mumblings of Bernie Lazar Hoffmann a.k.a. ``Tony Al·mo`, on 13570. At least the signal was quite distorted, WINB hinting at their displeasure? No way (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And still Alamo on WINB, 13570, Nov 19 at 1620 check. Now not distorted, but usual slightly unstable carrier (gh, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. 9954.96, WRMI Miami, at 2144 11 Oct, Jeff White with Wavescan, best on USB, SIO 152. I can never hear WRMI at home and it`s still weak up in Sheigra (Alan Pennington, Scotland DXpedition, Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

WRMI has degraded audio, 9955 with VG S9+20 signal but distorted during R. Praga in Spanish at 0739 Nov 14. The same plus hum at 0804 with Antonio Buitrago of REE`s DX program discussing DRM. I think that was originally on several weeks ago, but now part of Frecuencia al DÌa. Carrier is also slightly unstable. Likewise during R. Prague in English at 1523, no jamming audible. But at 1559 WRMI`s own problem masked by DentroCuban jamming as Zion Fellowship was ending, 1600 DX Partyline starting.

Jeff White is aware of the problem and says it`s not the transmitter but $3500 worth of tubes which should be replaced Sunday afternoon. Well, the modulator is part of the transmitter.

Altho Cuba jams WRMI during countless hours while in English or non-exile Spanish, Nov 15 at 0022 a poor signal on 9955 was discussing Cuba, but no jamming. WRMI program grid as of Nov 1 at the DXLD yahoogroup files shows 0000-0030 UT Sunday is La Voz de la AsociaciÛn, among several other Saturday-evening exile programs. Association of what? It`s missing from the website list of programs at http://www.wrmi.net/schedule.php which now has a lot of info about various shows, including some photos of participants, altho not all the times have been updated. Jeff White explains: ``It's the Association of Veterans of the 2506 Brigade (Bay of Pigs). Just started recently``.

9955, WRMI much weaker than usual during R. Prague English relay at 1509 Nov 16, not enough to overcome jamming. Was wanting to check whether the new modulator tube had been installed, upfixing the previous distortion, but hard to tell now. On SSE rather than NW antenna? Or 5 kW standby instead of 50? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tubes are replaced. Audio sounds great again. But they found another

problem, which may be water in a transmission line. They are investigating this during the next few days. Meantime, we can't switch to the North American antenna. Hope to have this resolved by mid- to late this week (Jeff White, WRMI, Nov 16, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9955, WRMI, Nov 17 at 0639 with Spanish program somewhat atop jamming pulses from the DCJC; at first figured it was Prague, but then talking about Catholic stuff, so Vatican? No, per current schedule it`s a program called El Camino at 0630 UT Tuesdays.

Jeff White informs that the modulator tubes were replaced, so audio is back to normal, but temporarily stuck on the SSE antenna only, checking out possible water in the feedline to the NW antenna. That affects the 15-17 UT period, so at 1536 Nov 17 nothing but jamming audible instead of usual WRMI override.

WRMI 9955, Nov 18 at 0637 with Wire Light M&W discussion, S9+18 over jamming, so suspect WRMI has resumed the NW antenna, as scheduled on UT Wednesdays, also for WORLD OF RADIO at 0800. After 1500, audible again over jamming with R. Prague relay in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7415, WBCQ WORLD OF RADIO logs: 1900 8 Oct, audible under China, but O=1 (Dave Kenny, Sheigra, Scotland Dxpedition, Nov BDXC-UK Communcation via DXLD) Now at 2000 Tue-Wed-Thu, sometimes also on 9330-CUSB, but not Nov 18 (gh) 2200 5 Oct, SIO 233 (Kenny, ibid.) Now 2300 on Mondays only, 7415 (gh)

WBCQ, 9330-CUSB, with hard rock music, Nov 12 at 2051, stronger than // 7415 which seemed to have some co-channel QRM under, China? Unfortunately, I missed checking before 2030 to confirm whether or not new WORLD OF RADIO 1486 was airing on both frequencies this time again. Next chances to hear it on WBCQ are UT Fri 0100 on 5110, Mon 2300 on 7415.

Thought I would check the WBCQ 7415 webstream and see if anything is on it now that 7415 itself is off the air Saturday at 2215 when Marion`s Attic used to air. Yes, what else but Brother Scare! As if he didn`t have enough platforms. Better check 7415 to see if it is really off the air --- yes it is, at 2220, but ZD7 is becoming audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. ONE time for DXing with Cumbre on SW from WHRI has now been reconfirmed: Sunday 1200 on 9410. Nov 15 at quick 1222 check there was Chris, Lobdell with his pirate report (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Question for Marie Lamb --- Marie, I have heard that intro music at the beginning of DXing with Cumbre eleventy eight bazillion times and can't remember the name of it to save my life. Please let me know what it is so I won't go insane! :) Its some real nice swing stuff (Kevin Redding, TN, Nov 13, ABDX via DXLD)

It is called "Intermission Riff." It was recorded a number of times by the Stan Kenton Orchestra, and the version I use is the first one, from 1946. It was composed by Ray Wetzel, who was a trumpeter with the band. 73ó (Marie Lamb, ibid.)

Willis Conover on VOA announcing Stan Kenton

Here is a Voice of America recording of the great Willis Conover announcing Stan Kenton and orchestra doing Intermission Riff, the same music used in Marie Lamb's CumbreDX podcast and show.

Back in the day while in the Navy, I would never miss Willis Conover and his jazz show. It was an awesome thing. Seemed no one here knew of Willis Conover but every one in Europe sure seemed to. It was a great show to listen to out at sea in the Atlantic or Pacific to make you think of home. Here's the URL:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogdF3Ottn1Y&feature=related
(Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, ibid.)

Thank you! Willis Conover is one of the reasons I decided to go into radio. I am glad that you and others remember Willis so fondly; as Dizzy Gillespie used to say of Louis Armstrong, "No him, no me," and I can say the same of Willis (Marie Lamb, NY, ibid.)

Fond memories for me too. As a jazz student in the 1970s, I loved Conover's show on VOA. Today, as a big band leader myself, I'd be hard pressed to name a jazz program/announcer today that could even come close... 73, (Tim Hall, CA, ibid.)

** U S A. 7385, 10 Nov 2009, 0335 UT, presumably WHRI which is registered here and according to their unreliable website uses this frequency earlier and later. Bible reading, too dull to wait til TOH for an ID. 55444 (Eike Bierwirth, Boulder, CO 80305 USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

21640, weak, fading non-Arabic signal at 1617 Nov 12. Saudi is off by 1500, so this is WHRI scheduled 87 degrees to Africa (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Again no WHRA mentioned anywhere in HFCC, FCC list, WHRI website! Gone for good?? (Eike Bierwirth, Boulder, CO 80305 USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, WHRA is off the air permanently. Regards, (Tom Lucey, FCC, Nov 12, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BTW, FCC confirms that WHRA in Maine is permanently off the air. WHR website now labels ``Angel 5`` as another WHRI unit. Yet this page http://www.whr.org/Technical-Information.cfm still claims this ``WHRI`` is in Greensbush, Maine! I also see that current WHRI listings by FCC do not show the azimuths WHRA employed as recently as A-09, such as 75 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. What`s happened to WMLK on 9265? I keep monitoring the frequency at 1600 onwards but no luck (Peter Robinson, UK? Nov World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Has been totally of the air for years. When it was on the air, modulation was just barely audible! Supposedly installing a new transmitter, but has yet to finish the job. Imaginary frequency usage keeps being registered with FCC and HFCC. Don`t you believe their website, such as this:

``WMLK Radio has been broadcasting fulltime since 1985. We began Short-wave broadcasting using a RCA BTA-50G, which was modified to accommodate the Short-wave frequency spectrum. This 50 kW unit has brought in response from all the major continents of the world.

Currently we are sending communications to over 125 counties. The need to cover our target areas with a stronger signal became apparent after we were broadcasting for several years. Recently we have purchased a BBC 250KW unit to enhance the outreach of WMLK Radio. This unit is now installed at our WMLK Radio site.

We will begin using this unit very shortly so look at our time and frequency page for this important information. We hope you will enjoy listening to WMLK Radio! You will also find this site will link to the Assemblies of Yahweh website and our other new website The Sacred Name Broadcaster website as well! So please enjoy the productions of these three websites from the headquarters of this ministry located in Bethel, PA 19507. With Much Fraternal Love, [signed] Jacob O. Meyer, Directing Elder``

There is a lot more on their website about their transmitter and antenna woes, such as
http://www.wmlkradio.net/wmlk_radio_bbc_250kw_tx_update.htm
(Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. 9980, WWCR with English Bible Thumper as a part of The Pastor Pete Peters show (the loonie de jour was a guy by the name of

"Doug Nelson" who was reading from the Internal Revenue Code and advocating tax fraud schemes in the name of God. Let me say this once:

It doesn't work for rich celebrities like Wesley Snipes, or even not so rich ones like Richard Hatch, and even the likes of Sun Myung Moon. What exactly makes you think some schmuck reading the tax code in a monotone that demonstrates better than anything I can say he has no clue as to the meaning of the words he was reading knows 'the secret' about how to 'outwit' the IRS and avoid paying taxes "legally". Right.

Unless you think you look good in Orange and want to be really good friends with someone named 'bubba' who ALSO thinks he looks good in Orange, I'd steer clear of anything suggested here. I mean, we're all a little weird (after all we like to go to the woods to listen to the radio!) but these folks are scary weird! ID at ToH and into talk by Pastor Peters himself. Weakish but clear. 1445-1500 (Ken Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet Nov 13 via DXLD)

** U S A. 13845, nothing audible from WWCR around 1430 Nov 17 but 15825 not either, so no propagation yet? But at 1528, still nothing on 13845, tho 15825 had become audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Greetings: It is our understanding that 3215 was WILLINGLY given up during the time period of 2100 UT until 0200 UT. WWRB shortwave did not 'usurp' the 3215 frequency. It was open and WWRB shortwave filed for it.

We have to SHARE 5745 & 9385 with other broadcasters so any frequency that is open is 'fair game' to any broadcaster, PERIOD.

WWRB is VERY selective in who we will provide airtime to WWRB turns plenty of broadcasters AWAY! We have cleared our transmitters and now we are starting fresh. One-at-a-time we are adding new broadcasters (Dave Frantz, WWRB, Nov 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In A-seasons, WWCR did not want 3215 before 0100 or 0200, but in B-seasons they wanted it by 2300, but in that case WWRB beat them to it, which is why WWCR had to go to 3230/3240 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WWRB Anomalies --- Tuning around 0315 UT (10:15 PM EST) tonight I'm hearing strange things on two of WWRB's transmitters:

5050 KHz - the signal is going from barely audible (under S1) to S9, back and forth with no real pattern. Last check at 0325 the situation seemed to rectify itself.

3185 KHz - the signal is holding fine at S7 but the audio is terrible, sounds like the preacher is underwater or something. Horribly muffled.

3145 KHz - just checking on Mr. Scare; his signal sounds fine, just weaker then the others at S5 (Travers DeVine, Frederick, Maryland, UT Nov 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST

WWRB 9385 often accompanied by noise spurs (or should we call it envelope?), such as Nov 17 at 1601 up to 9400 or more; seems also on lo side but obscured by WTJC 9370. See also PAKISTAN (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 17775, KVOH with huge signal as occasionally happens presumably tnx to off-season HF-only sporadic-E opening, Nov 11 at 2105. Enough to bring with it distorted spur circa 17920, no definite carrier; the match on 17630 however was no match for RFI Spanish via Guiana French.

But next morning, Nov 12 at 1612, 17775 was even stronger and both spurs audible, consisting of noise, whine, and bits of modulation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGET)

** U S A. Considering the dozen transmitters running simultaneously at Okeechobee, it`s remarkable how little interaxion we hear among them. But Nov 16 at 0640, the Italian on 9355 had Camping audible clearly underneath. It might have been a voice-over translation, but don`t think so as M&W were alternating in unrelated talk. It might have been receiver overload, but no signal on 9680, 9715 was in Spanish, and the only YFR English channel on the band, 9985, was not strong enough to do that. The crosstalk on 9355 remained audible despite attenuation and detuning of preselector.

For the second night, WYFR 9355 with crosstalk from another Okeechobee transmission: Nov 17 at 0635 Italian had Harold Camping clearly audible at somewhat lower audio level, the latter // 9680 and 9985. One would first assume it was receiver overload from the very strong 9680 transmission, except 24 hours earlier 9680 was not on the air and the same was happening.

At 0702 Nov 17, 9355 had changed to Portuguese, and now the underlanguage was Spanish.

For the third night in a row, WYFR interfering with itself on 9355: Nov 18 at 0629 English Family Radio ID crosstalk clearly audible underneath Italian (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. U.K. Some VT Communications changes:

WYFR Family Radio in Khmer, new language
1200-1300 on 17505 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SEAs, ex in English
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD)

They are always soliciting broadcasters in new languages, on services to same target area. When will Camping`s egotrip ever end? (gh, DXLD)

Frequency change of WYFR Family Radio via Media Broadcast:
1600-1700 NF 9445 NAU 500 kW / 150 deg to EaAf, ex 9870 in English
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 16 Nov via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. TRANS WORLD RADIO CHANGES NAME TO TWR

CARY, NC, November 16, 2009ñInternational Christian ministry Trans World Radio, a pioneer in media missions, will change its name to TWR on November 18, 2009. At the same time, the organization also will adopt the positioning statement "Speaking Hope to the World" to fortify its new identity.

"While our commitment to radio broadcasting remains steadfast, the name Trans World Radio no longer fully conveys the scope of our organization," says TWR President Lauren Libby. "TWR is more than radio. It is a multifaceted media ministry. By changing the name to TWR, we will maintain radio as a keystone communication component all the while employing a strategic integration of new media platforms. In fact, we will even seek to enlarge our broadcasting footprint."

Libby explained that TWR is committed to leveraging digital advances such as the Internet, MP3 players, video and other mobile-device formats. "In recent years, modern technology has enabled us to make significant strides in engaging with our global audience," he said.

"We also recognize the tremendous ministry value of social media portals like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube," Libby adds. "We're not just endeavoring to reach people for Christ; we want to connect and dialogue with them as they grow in faith. Furthermore, we realize social media is a fast and efficient way to communicate with our stakeholders."

The ministry's new positioning statement, according to Libby, will clearly reflect TWR's primary objective of Speaking Hope to the World "Speaking not only refers to verbal communication but also signifies the ability to relate with people in other resourceful ways," Libby explained. "With that in mind, we will offer relevant messages of hope in Jesus to men, women and children around the globe. Whether it's by radio or other new media means, TWR is dedicated to helping fulfill Christ's Great Commission."

Frequently Asked Questions

With the name of the organization changing from Trans World Radio to TWR, does that mean people will no longer use the term Trans World Radio anymore?

The name Trans World Radio has existed for more than 55 years. It goes without saying that it is entirely unrealistic to expect everyone to stop using that name overnight. That said, TWR staff, partners and affiliated ministries are encouraged to make the gradual shift toward using TWR as the primary moniker.

Is TWR abandoning or scaling back its commitment to radio broadcasting?

No, not at all. In some areas of the world, we are increasing traditional radio broadcasts on shortwave, AM and FM outlets. As TWR's Bill Damick states in his forthcoming document "The Future is Here: Radio, New Media and Missions": "[Radio] has the unique ability to deliver its message efficiently, inexpensively, and compellingly to the greatest percentage of the world's people regardless of their economic status, educational attainment, or geographic location."
What is the meaning behind TWR's new positioning statement/tagline "Speaking Hope to the World"?

The word "speaking" is used in both the literal and figurative sense. It can either mean "communicating audibly" or "communicating a deeper message" (as in "the author's latest novel really spoke to me"). The word "hope" refers to the true, lasting expectation of something (or Someone) better. The word "world" captures the global essence of how TWR communicates the gospel. It's international in scope. After all, Jesus said "go into all the world and preach (speak) the gospel."
Where do I find the TWR logo with the new positioning statement?
The logo and positioning statement artwork are available now on TWR's public Flickr portal at http://www.twr.org/flickr

(TWR News Release via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, Nov 16, dxldyg via DXLD) Typical corporate rebranding blather (gh, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. As I was outchecking the blob from INDIA, q.v., Nov 18 at 1500, heard TWR IS just barely escaping it on 9495. Per Aoki at 15-16 it`s 100 kW, 55 degrees via AUSTRIA in Russian, except Mondays when the first semihour is in Belarussian. Christians vs Christians, also listed on 9495 during this hour is YFR in English via UAE, 250 kW, 105 degrees but unheard here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 11780, Nov 17 at 1500 as I was checking out Saudi Buzz on 11785, and also hearing AmazÙnia on 11780, latter suddenly

overridden by AWR theme, ID in English, ``following program is in ----`` but fade. Listed Turkish via AUSTRIA, per Aoki, at 1500-1530 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 25950, 9 Nov 2009, 1619 UT, KOA Denver, FM feeder, parallel to local AM 850 but about 10 seconds earlier than AM. Distorted audio even in the Perseus "FM" setting, but maybe I just don't know how to do it better. 35343 if SINPO is any use for FM (Eike Bierwirth, Boulder, CO 80305 USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. As I was listening to 11715 with RVA via Vatican, Nov 17 at 1530, KJES came on suddenly with ID and usual stuff. Supposedly runs 14-17 with beam changes at each hourtop, not hourbottom. Carrier may have been on before 1530, off-frequency rumble het vs RVA [Not 11785 as in original report!] Catholix vs Catholix!

11715, KJES with big S9+22 carrier, Nov 18 at 1444, but JBA modulation of catechisms mixing with unknown language station, must be R Liberty via Lampertheim, GERMANY in Uzbek. At 1519 another station was atop KJES, i.e. RVA Philippines in Tagalog via VATICAN back to Gastarbeiter in the ME (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. WEWN gave us a clear shot at the Taiwan het against 11550, Nov 18 at 1445-1448 since WEWN had lost modulation until Spanish resumed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. NEW NCE FM STATION WINDOW OPENS --- It will only be for 67 noncommercial educational FM allotments between 92.1 and 107.9 that were previously reserved in scattered locations across the country. The window opened Dec. 11 and was to have closed a week later. The channels vary from a Class B in Terre Haute IN on 107.5, a C3 for Bozeman MT on 95.9, a C2 for Jackson WY at 106.7 and a Class A for Charlotte Amalie VI at 93.1 (Bruce Elving, FMedia!, Nov 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Catholix are in a concerted effort to grab as many of these for themselves as possible (gh)

** U S A. SELECTED AM HAPPENING --- IL, Chicago, WGN 720 has turned off its IBOC because of concerns it was causing interference. Probably the sports and talk format did not benefit from HD (Bruce Elving, FMedia!, Nov 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Permanently, we hope (gh)

** U S A. Re 9-080, KFJZ-1270 now a different station on 870: As an aside, as a kid I remember a news reporter on KFJZ named John Culver. You may know him as John Callarman who is on this list (Kevin Redding, TN, ABDX via DXLD)

KFJZ's John Culver speaks out

That was in 1963, back when Dallas and Fort Worth were separate markets. I forget who did the ratings back then, but JZ, I think, had about a 30-percent share in the Fort Worth market. Texas State Network news was a bit different back then that it later became. The legendary Porter Randall did three 15-minute newscasts a day on KFJZ and the network (imagine a music station doing any news at all today), but the remainder of the day, it was rip and read on the FM station, relayed across Texas by a series of FM'ers. There were a couple of opportunities, when Randall was on vacation, when I did the 15-minute newscasts.

But on AM, we did five-minute newscasts on the hour and two-minute headlines on the half hour. I was primarily the "outside" newsman, which meant I covered the police and sheriff's office, county board and city council meetings, trials, bank robberies, etc. I recall doing a live broadcast of a man threatening suicide from the top of a billboard. George Erwin, another legendary name in North Texas radio, was the morning man and Mark "Markie Baby" Stephens was a great comic personality jock.

Karl King was the news director who hired me ... Tee Casper was a veteran newsman on staff ... Bob Barry was a young talent at the time ... and John Moncrief was just getting started in his radio news career. Management, though, wasn't happy with the news operation, King was fired, and a consultant was brought in to study the news operation. The consultant told me he was recommending that I become news director (which would have been a mistake, I wasn't yet ready to run a department), and management apparently agreed with my assessment. Unfortunately, management determined that they would fire me so they could afford to lure Gene Ashcraft (whose airname was Gene Craft) from KXOL, JZ's Top 40 rival. It was a good move on management's part; it was Ashcraft who made TSN into possibly the best of all the state networks.

When I lost that job, I went back to KPDN in Pampa (which went dark after my dear friend, Warren Hasse, retired, sold the station, and the new owners ran it into the ground.) In 1966, Ashcraft recommended me to news director Brad Messer at KILT in Houston, and I figured it'd be easier, eventually, to move to Boston or Washington from Houston than it would from Pampa, so I became the "outside" newsman at KILT. They allowed me to use the name Callarman.

Six months later, Pete Taylor dropped a bombshell on me, offering me the opportunity to move to the Boston market to help program news/talk WCAS after Kaiser Broadcasting had bought 90 percent of WXHR-740, WXHR-FM-96.9, and WXHR-TV, Channel 56, from Harvey Radio Labs. I

probably did my best radio work at WCAS, where we concentrated on local news for five Boston suburbs -- Watertown, Cambridge, Arlington, Somerville (hence the call-letters) and Belmont. WXHR-FM became WJIB, operating from new studios on the Boston waterfront, and WXHR-TV became WKBG. WJIB was a "beautiful music" station, and had the same success with that format that Pete had built at KFOG in San Francisco. Pete hired another NRC member, Bart Cronin, as an announcer at WJIB. Bart, like Pete, now lives in the Seattle area.

Ironically, Bob Bittner, another NRC member, purchased 740 and changed its call to .... WJIB! And now, John Culver has become Qal R. Mann, Krumudgeon.

In 1968, while I was at WCAS, I married a Texas schoolteacher and, for the first time in my life, I was able (with a little help) to save some money. There were no children, we didn't buy a lot of expensive frivolities, so were able to retire with a nestegg that was sufficient to keep us debt free during the first nine years of our joint retirement. But I can't give radio business income any credit for that! (John Callarman, ibid.)

** U S A. INDIANA PUBLIC STATION SELLS AIR TIME

There's this relatively new and curious public station in NW Indiana. It's WLPR, a subsidiary of NW Indiana Public Broadcasting. It carries lots of strange stuff - like those endless sports shows, weird pop/country music, etc. See and listen: http://www.thelakeshorefm.com

Now they are into air time sales! Are there similar public stations in smaller US communities?

Personally I'm pretty disappointed with this "new kid on the block." I suspect WBEZ still has a much larger audience in NW Indiana. And they are getting a lot of support from there judging by the onair announcements during fundraising drives. I'm not sure if WLPR has had a single drive so far.

People from Crown Point Board of Works are really gullible. To pay $385 for an hour for the air time is way too expensive in this market! (They are trying to reach a Crown Point population of 25,000 people.) A local AM station would charge the Board of Works 10% of that if not less. A noon weekday broadcast is mostly for retirees anyway and older people seem to prefer AM radio (Sergei S., IL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

CITY, LAKESHORE SIGN RADIO DEAL
The broadcasts will be aired in December on 89.1 FM
November 12, 2009 BY DIANE KRIEGER SPIVAK

http://www.post-trib.com/news/1878658,cpbow1112.article

CROWN POINT -- Premiering at noon Thursday Dec. 3, the city will have its own weekly show on Lakeshore Radio.

The Board of Works on Wednesday voted to approve a one-year $20,000 contract with Lakeshore which will broadcast an hour-long show devoted to city-related issues on the station's newly acquired radio station 89.1 FM.

Lakeshore account executive Susan Shelley told the board that since the January purchase, the station has changed its focus to allow certain Northwest Indiana organizations and municipalities to do their own radio show.

Mayor David Uran said the broadcast would feature all things Crown Point, including parks, swine flu, schools, economic development, corridor improvements, city services, special events, youth sports, employee of the month, chamber of commerce, city services and department updates.

Uran asked if the show could stream live onto the city's Web site. Lakeshore spokeswoman Kathleen Szot said later she would check into the possibility, adding that the show would at least be broadcast on Lakeshore's Web site http://www.thelakeshorefm.com

Shelley also suggested that the city set up a blog on its site so that residents could submit questions beforehand that could be answered during the show, in addition to some live questions.

Lakeshore will promote the show on more than 30 television and radio spots to get the word out, Uran said. Uran added that the city has already contacted the Lake County Solid Waste Management District to go on the program to promote recycling.

Board member Mike Conquest said he was in favor of the program. "The more we can be out to the public the better," Conquest said.

"I agree," member Tim Grzyczh said. "I listen to the radio more than I watch TV." Grzyczh did, however, wonder if there was an "opt out" clause in the contract.

Shelly said there was not, because the station wanted to to make sure the public could count on certain programing (via Sosedkin, ibid.)

** U S A. PROGRESSIVE RADIO GOES SILENT
Story by Justin Franz | November 13, 2009 Montana Kaimin

Fans of progressive radio in Missoula have been up in arms this past week about a format change at 930 KMPT. The station, self-proclaimed ìMissoulaís Progressive Talk Radio,î changed to a conservative talk format, replacing names like Rachel Maddow with Michael Savage. . .
http://www.montanakaimin.com/index.php/arts/arts_article/progressive_radio_goes_silent/4280
(via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

What`s a kaimin? Apparently the mascot of the University of Montana, whence this emanates from journalism students. But, what`s a kaimin? (gh)

** U S A. NEW: NM, Hurley, *88.1, 600 watts vertical, 593 m, Radio Bilingue, Inc. in a settlement agreement. It is to share time with KOOT 88.1 Hurley, and be on noon to midnight. "By buying out one of the applicants, changing channel and going in cahoots with Cable Access of Silver City, we were able to extract one application, get out of the mess and get it granted," pointed out Gray Fierson Haerting, Portland OR, broadcast engineer. The mess included "at least 20 other applications in the same general area."

He states that translators can take baby steps, so long as the primary coverage area of the new overlaps part of the coverage area of the old, in order to have the FCC allow the changes as minor. One of his translators took four steps to move from Reedsport to Cottage Grove OR, with KWAX, and is now K270BJ *101.9 (Bruce Elving, MN, FMedia, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. PROBABLY NOT ON AIR --- NM, Des Moines, KHOD, 105.3 fined $20,000 for violating § 73.1620 of the FCC rules. During parts of 2009 it operated at variance from its authorization, which specified Class C facilities in Des Moines NM; instead, it operated with Class A facilities (grossly underpowered) at Raton NM. Raton is 34 miles N.W. of Des Moines, plus Hodson Broadcasting was charged with sending out spurious signals at 103.8 and 106.7 mz. The station applied for a special temporary authority to broadcast from Raton, which the FCC denied. On two occasions the FCC visited the station and noted it operating from the unauthorized location. Hodson showed the Commission tax returns for the past three years in an effort to bring down the fine, but the FCC pointed out that the violations were both willful and repeated (Bruce Elving, MN, FMedia! Nov 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. THE WORLD'S FIRST RADIO STATION --- KCBS(AM) WAS FIRST

Regarding the "The World's First Radio Station" (CGC #970), I think you will find that KQW(AM), now KCBS, started regular broadcasts [earlier than the 1916 date claimed by 8XK/KDKA] !!
Red Blanchard, W6AG, 3720 kHz, redblanchard (at) sbcglobal.net

KCBS(AM) WAS INDEED FIRST

KCBS(AM) in San Francisco claims to the World's First Broadcasting Station. Barney Dewey, barney (at) deweys.us http://www.kcbs.com/pages/8944.php

KCBS(AM) WAS FIRST WITH REGULAR BROADCASTS -- 1909

KCBS(AM), San Francisco, claims to be the world's first broadcasting station. There is much evidence to support this. Charles "Doc" Herrold ran a radio engineering school beginning in 1909 in San JosÈ and started regular scheduled broadcasts [at that time according to his Web page] as part of the school.

Herrold is credited with being the first to use radio to broadcast entertainment programming on a regular basis. The station was first known as "This is San JosÈ Calling," and later as "FN" and "SJN." In 1921, Herrold obtained the call sign KQW. That was changed in 1949 to KCBS.

Michael P. Smith, Director of Engineering
KCBS(AM), San Francisco, smith (at) sfradio.cbs.com

http://www.charlesherrold.org/ [Herrold's technology is said to have used DC arcs burning in liquid, modulated by a water-cooled carbon microphone. So the term "hot mike" has a rich history. -CGC Ed.] (CGC COMMUNICATOR #971, November 16, 2009 via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. TRYING TO SAVE A LOST CAUSE --- They are trying to save a lost cause because they have run all responding thinking listeners off! All music radio is today is background noise to people and nothing more! No one is actually listening except for talk.

The same songs as prescribed by stupid consultants over and over, no live programming voice tracked radio shows.

They hire and listen to consultants that have NO track record and they boast geniusís like Bill Drake are now obsolete! Yet they are the ones with the money problems! No talent on the air as it was years ago all you hear for the most part are kids with squeaky voices.

This will not work as non compelling programming = non compelling programming.

Voice tracking = voice tracking!
No talent = no talent.
Over rotated music = over rotated music.

And it is going to sound even worse on a cell phone! Can you imagine the FCC telling cell phone manufacturers they must put FM tuners in all the cell phones they manufacture? What is that going to cost the already broke US consumer? Cell phones make lousy FM radios. Just more stupidity gone to seed! If folks wonít listen on a radio why would they listen on a cell phone?

Why donít they press to make HD or IBOC a requirement for all radios? The Blind continue to lead the Blind!

Newberry said, "We're seeing the market demonstrating there's a demand to have radio on these devices."

No, Newberry, you are wrong! There is a demand for mobile listening devices like IPod and Zune because of the horrible state of radio programming! Wake up, Newberry!

First on the agenda should be to fix programming, then provide compelling programming on IBOC channels. They should be concerned about the number of manufactures that are losing interest in IBOC radios due to the poor performance of broadcasters!

Get this.. ìThe filing says the participants made the points laid out in an attachment that explains, among other points, that "FM radio reception in cellular handsets will make public safety information available today and should be a critical component of any [Commercial Mobile Alert System]

When the killer tornadoes hit Gallatin and Murfreesboro, TN, Clear Channel and Cumulus did not even forward emergency weather information from EAS and NWS at any time. What a joke these guys are. Why should any listener take them seriously?

People were killed in those tornadoes while they were playing their ìconsulted hitsî too busy to interrupt their unmanned programming.

At least Bill Drake understood that compelling programming = listeners = response from radio ads for advertisers.

Drake would never run 6 commercials in a row.. it is utter nonsense yet that is the staple for these financially troubled operations. I would sure hate to be the 3rd or 4th sponsor in a cluster! But, they are all having money trouble and say it is the fault of the recession.

No! Itís because radio is not special anymore and even though people may have a radio on they are not listening. Something Drake had observed and related to me some years ago. He said ìthey are headed

for real problemsî!

The problems are here as predicted and they think cell phones will save them? Why is radio not promoting and making use of this IBOC beast they created? I say itís because they donít know how!

A simple $15 radio that can fit in your shirt pocket can play for days off of a couple of double a batteries. What more could they ask for? What is their problem?

See also: http://www.radioink.com/Article.asp?id=1584490&spid=24698

We are not having a problem on shortwave gathering a huge audience, finding sponsors and moving product off the shelf! If we can do it on shortwave, it leaves them without excuse! Or could it be that shortwave is just a better medium more suited for broadcasting?

Has not ìcrazyî been defined as doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different outcome?

Radio Disclosure
QSO Radio Show
http://www.tedrandall.com

WBCQ, Monticello Maine
Tuesdays on 7415 kilohertz 5-7 PM EST = 2200-2400 UT
Target area the USA and Mexico

WRMI Radio Miami International, 9955 kilohertz
Monday nights, 10 pm-midnight EST, or at 0300-0500 UT TUESDAYS.
Target area the Caribbean and South America
(Ted Randall, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Also 0100-0200 UT Fridays (gh)

** U S A. HARRY LEE HELMS, JR. --- my first cousin and good friend, passed away on Sunday, November 15th, around 11:00 pm. He was 57.

As you probably know, he has bravely fought an aggressive cancer for the last several years. For the past few months he and his wife Di have lived in his home town of Fort Mill, SC, surrounded and loved by his extended family, old friends, and his dogs and cats.

I asked Harry recently how I could be useful to him in the final days, so he sent me a short list of friends to contact when the end came. I probably do not know you personally, but I know that you have to be a special sort of person to make the list. Please know that this message is an act of love from Harry to you at the end of his amazing life.

We ask that you remember him now as you knew him in years past. I

believe that he would have me remind you to recognize your life's passion and let it guide you always.

Our family will gather together informally later this week to find some closure for ourselves and to wish him peace.

Harry was one of a kind. We will miss him greatly (Cheryl Ervin Hill, Nov 17, to gh, via DX WORLD OF RADIO 1487, LISTENING DIGEST)

His blog remains up but without the final news: http://harryhelmsblog.blogspot.com/ (gh, ibid.)

Harry Helms W5HLH SK --- I just received word that Harry Helms W5HLH became a Silent Key (SK) on Sunday November 15, 2009 after a long battle with cancer. He was 57 years young. Harry was an avid Ham and SWL and published a number of books on the radio hobby over the years. I bought my share of his books.

I did not know Harry personally but he and I did exchange a number of private emails in 2008 and 2009 concerning his illness. I borrowed the following below from his Blog at http://harryhelmsblog.blogspot.com/2009/08/greetings-from-fort-mill-south-carolina.html

``.....I'm a book and magazine writer, editor, and publisher. I've written several books and numerous magazine articles. I was co-founder of LLH Technology Publishing (formerly HighText Publications), which was acquired by Elsevier in 2001.....`` 73 & GUD DX, (Thomas F. Giella, NZ4O, Lakeland, FL, Nov 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, Harry was a great guy for sure. I've just finished reading a couple more of his books - Inside the Shadow Government and 40 Lingering Questions on 9-11. How I wish I could have met him! But, I am so glad I got to know him as much as I could - here on ABDX.

He will live on - in his books, in his ideas. He was not a religious guy, but he was a great guy all the same and I do firmly believe that he is in a really great place right now, being interviewed for a "Mike-line" by someone very close to me. R.I.P. Harry (Phil Rafuse, PEI, ABDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD)

What do you mean, ``not religious --- BUT``??! (gh, DXLD)

A lot of us in the DX community knew this was coming, but nonetheless, it is still a shock. I always enjoyed his writing and appreciated his contribution to the radio and electronics communities. He is already sorely missed (Rene' Tetro, Chief Engineer, WFIL-WNTP, Philadelphia Ham Call Sign: W2FIL, ibid.)

Harry was a longtime shortwave enthusiast and writer, author of "Shortwave Listening Guidebook", one of the key references for those getting started in the hobby. Harry also followed new media technologies and wrote about their role in connecting broadcaster with listener. His perspectives were thoughtful and knowledgeable; I've had the pleasure of exchanging messages with him in recent years but did not have the privilege to meet Harry personally.

He was struggling with cancer for several years. Obituary:
http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldonline/obituary.aspx?n=harry-lee-helms&pid=136132722
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, swprograms via DXLD)

** U S A. OBITUARY : TOM MERRIMAN 11 NOVEMBER 2009

Tom Merriman, the founder of TM Studios who wrote and recorded the first radio jingle ever recorded in Dallas (for KLIF, the station that inspired Big L) has died in that city aged 85.

He had been inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame just one week earlier. The tribute website says:

"'He writes musical arrangements like Lincoln did the Gettysburg Address on the back of an envelope and they are equally historic.' These words are attributed to Ron Chapman, but they reflect a universal feeling shared by the many that knew, worked with and loved Tom Merriman." (Thanks to Howie Castle)

Webmaster's note re Ron Chapman: KLIF in Dallas had a show called 'Charlie and Harrigan', hosted by Dan McCurdy, as Charlie Brown and Ron Chapman, as Irving Harrington. Ben Toney brought a tape of that show over to England to give the new Radio London DJs an idea of the sort of radio that the Texan backers were hoping to emulate. It inspired Dave Cash and Kenny Everett to emulate them and launch the Kenny and Cash Show (on Radio London offshore in the 60s).

Radio London website
http://www.radiolondon.co.uk/kneesflashes/happenings/octnovdec09/octnovdec01.html
(via Mike Terry, Nov 17, dxldyg via DXLD)

** URUGUAY. 6045, R SarandÌ, Montevideo. 1035 Nov 12 with moderate strength simulcasting MW 690, with talk of Presidential candidate Dr. Lacalle. A bit overmodulated or distorted. Tried USB and the carrier is steady, better reception. R. Sport was expected here a couple of months ago, though SarandÌ is the same company or group. E-mailed the station but no reply for the moment (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) And since? (gh)

The station was active overnight. So it seems to be a 24h operation (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, 0925 UT Nov 13, ibid.)

La emisora permaneciÛ activa toda la noche; la monitorÈ a las 4 de la maÒana [07 UT] y allÌ estaba. DÈbil seÒal a esas horas en mi receptor. Y sigue... parece que es 24h (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, 0922 UT Nov 13, condiglist yg via noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

En este momento (1600 UT) se escucha un di·logo muy bajo casi inentendible a˙n cuando no existen ruidos de fondo perturbadores; chequeando con las AM locales puedo asegurar que no se trata de una seÒal par·sita o esp˙rea causada por la saturaciÛn de aquellas. Es probablemente Radio SarandÌ en 6045, lo que tratarÈ de confirmar conforme baje el sol y deje un plafÛn m·s alto. Saludos (Ruben Margenet, Argentina, ibid.)

Para los colegas: A las 2339, ahora mismo, Nov. 13, NO registro seÒal alguna de Uruguay 6045 R. SarandÌ, ni una heterodina siquiera en modo de recepciÛn SSB.

For English Readers: At 2339, right now, I cannot detect a single carrier or beat (using reception mode in SSB) from Uruguay 6045 R Sarandi.

DXistas no Brasil: ‡s 2339 agora mesmo, Nov 13, eu n„o detecto nenhum sinal de Uruguai 6045 R. SarandÌ... nem heterodina en modo SSB de recepÁ„o. 73 (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, ibid.)

Estoy convencido que mucha potencia no hay ac·, salvo que estÈn en perÌodos de prueba. Me desaznarÈ el dÌa que me den la info si llamo y me dan pelota. Cosa que por ahora no voy a hacer de mi parte. Vamos a jugar a hacer DX sin mucha info por ahora... como antes ;)

Ahora si alguien del exterior los quiere contactar podrÌan probar!!! AquÌ estan los mails de la emisora y sus programas...

Cont·ctenos
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(Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, noticias dx Nov 13 via DXLD)

6045, Radio SarandÌ, Montevideo, 1140-1155, November 14, Spanish, Interview with a local university teacher & writer (Danilo Torres Fierro)

TC: "Son las 9 de la maÒana 52 minutos..."
Ann. "S·bados SarandÌ, la maÒana de los s·bados con la conducciÛn de Jaime Clara";
Anns: ".....Siempre SarandÌ".- ; "...En Sarandi 690 AM"
Local ads: Brasil Club, etc.
Ann.: "....por eso en Noviembre....Frente Amplio, un Gobierno Honrado, un PaÌs de Primera"; "Escuche bien...S·bados SarandÌ....escuchÛ bien" // with 690 Khz SINPO: 3.4.4.3.3 (heterodyne with Radio Santa Rosa-Lima, Peru- signal) Very nice reception in USB mode. Thanks Horacio Nigro for the tip!!! (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. Horacio Nigro reports that Radio SarandÌ was active 24 hours on 6045 as of Nov 12-13, so I had hi hopes of hearing it after KBS Spanish via Sackville was finished at 0700 Nov 16. Instead, at 0710 heard weak Korean talk. KBS is using 6045 another hour, this time via Skelton! Looks as if 6045 should be clear after 0800; just cross your fingers that superpower XEXQ does not make a comeback too, confusing things (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

URUGUAI - Desde MontevidÈu, Horacio Negro informa que a R·dio SarandÌ, daquela localidade, foi ouvida novamente em ondas curtas, em 12 de novembro, ‡s 1035, no Tempo Universal, na frequÍncia de 6045 kHz, em 49 metros.

Conforme Sarmento Campos, do Rio de Janeiro (RJ), h· uma tendÍncia polÌtica pela utilizaÁ„o polÌtica das emissoras de on das curtas em paÌses do Terceiro Mundo e em especial da AmÈrica do Sul (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX Nov 15 via DXLD) What does that mean?

** VANUATU. David Ricquish (and Adrian Sainsbury) were a goldmine of information about Pacific Island stations. Vanuatu 3945 will shortly be adding 5050 for the day frequency, and plan 7260 during the winter. (Walt Salmaniw, visiting NZ, Nov 14, full report under NEW ZEALAND, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So no more 3945? (gh)

** VENEZUELA [and non]. See CUBA [and non]; COLOMBIA [and non]

** VIETNAM [and non]. 11605, Nov 15 at 0017 with nasty mix of Brazilian and Asian language, audible het of some 200 Hz. At next check 0046, just Brazilian alone closing program with ``ciao, atÈ o prÛximo s·bado``, and then folk music. That is VOR via GUIANA FRENCH.

The Asian is RFA Vietnamese via TAIWAN: schedule fits, ending at 0030. I was thinking jamming was in play, but maybe just a typically off-frequency Taiwan transmitter, a menace to any on-frequency outlets even from the other worldside (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ALGERIA, 6297.18, 9 Nov 2009, 0739 UT, National Radio of D.A.R.Sahara, talk in Arabic, 35332. Sometimes QRM (I=3) by RTTY signal centered on 6297.0 (Eike Bierwirth, Boulder, CO 80305 USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNID, 6297.1, possible RASD (Western Sahara/Algeria) ex 6300, 1935 UT Nov. 15, but format seemed different, just Arabic talk, no music (Steve George, MA USA, R8B + 45m long wire, Cumbre DX via DXLD) Has been on 6297+ for weeks now (gh, DXLD)

ALGERIA, 6297.16, RASD, West Sahara Radio, Rabouni, deep fades, signal of S=7-9 at 0620 UT on Nov 17 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 17 via DXLD)

6297, LV de la RASD, Nov 18 at 0700 with Arab rap, 3-pip timesignal almost a sesquiminute late at 0701:28, Arabic ID, sounders, news? by rapid YL; 0702:30 ID again. Usual good signal from Tindouf, ALGERIA; BTW, the only way now to hear Algeria direct on SWBC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735, RTZ in Swahili at 1800 with ID then into local music. No English this day. Excellent, November 14/09. 73 (Mick Delmage, AB, Icom R72, Log Periodic, several beverage antenna and K9AY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6015, 15/11 0335, TANZANIA, V of Tanzania Zanzibar, *presumida*, em Swahili, desde Dole, com 50 kW, OM talk, as 0336 UTC local mx, as 0339 UTC curta fala do OM e nova mx, as 0342 UTC YL com menÁıes a Zanzibar, as 0343 UTC o que parece nx por OM e YL com trechos de discursos, 23432 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia - Brasil, HCDX via DXLD)

11735, Voice of Tanzania-Zanzibar, 1758-1810, Nov 15, tune-in to local drums. Time pips at 1759:30 and English news. IDs. Swahili talk and local pop music at 1808. Good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

TANZANIA, 11735, R. Tanzania Zanzibar, 1800 UT Nov. 15. Time pips,

English news "from Radio Tanzania Zanzibar" (not Spice FM), then into local language with interviews, music. In the clear, good audio and level. Even stronger at 2045 re-tune (Steve George, MA USA, R8B + 45m long wire, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

TANZANIA/ZANZIBAR, Sauti Tanzania, 11735, 1950, Swahili, 343, 15 Nov, Music with Arabic overtones. OM at 1959 and usual slow 4+1 time signal at 1959:25 measured on my Timex set by WWVB! Short announcement by same OM and into African-influenced music (Theo Donnelly, Vancouver BC, Eton E1, 10m random wire on an apartment balcony, ptswyg via DXLD) So the slow timesignal was fast (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4049.9/am: second 'ticks' with audio cuts introduced by OM announcer after DTMF tones who said 'Cut 374', etc. (incrementing by one each time) & into actualities type cuts of a guy talking about sports. Sounded like the old AFRTS news feeds. Went up to cut 378 and then back to ticking at :38 -- weird stuff ñ ideas, anyone? Weak but clear, better in USB. 0630-0640 7/Nov (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI DXpedition, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4900, S. Korea Spy Station? 1334-1336*, Nov. 18. Usual woman giving numbers in Korean; fair. Last heard here in Sept. (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4975, regular pulsing noises at the rate of 210 per minute, Nov 12 at 1409. Not like OTH radar, but what is it? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hi Glenn, I am hearing a mix on 5230/5231 kHz at 0112 tune in, 16 Nov 2009. Program of music mixing with male announce, plus broadband QRM on top of everything. Music played has a C&W flavor. Improved at 0125 but quite a pileup. Was initially looking for The Crystal Ship on 5205 kHz broadcasting tonight. RL Drake R8A + end-fed longwire 100 feet long. 73's, (Ed Insinger, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6074, my first copy this season of 8GAL, the mysterious CW marker which appears just as Radio Rossii, 6075 is signing off from Petropavlovsk/Kamchatskiy at 1400, and thought to be a Russian army transmitter somewhere around there. Listening from 1359 Nov 12, the marker started about 15 sex before the hour, before the R.R. timesignal, so mixing with it. Not much QRM from China/Taiwan this time. Same message as always, and slight variations make me suspect it is hand-keyed: VVV CQ CQ CQ DE 8GAL 8GAL 8GAL K. Quite clear and easy copy.

6074, unlike the day before, no sign of 8GAL Nov 13 around 1400. In past, the exact time has varied considerably for this less-than-a-minute transmission.

Listening carefully for 8GAL V/CQ marker on 6074, Nov 17 at 1359-1401, no sign of it as R. Rossii was offsigning, usual competing timesignal mix with the China radio war upstarting (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6132.4 seems to be the center of the intruding TADIL-A `bonker` at 0633 Nov 16, and also heard at many other hours, making both 6130 and 6135 untenable for broadcasters (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. UNKNOWN LOCATION, 7425, VT Communications, 1140-1144* with soft music and English announcement that this is a test transmission and to check website http://www.vtplc.com/communications for more information. Of course, no schedule or site info. Fair. 08 Nov (Don Moore, Brighton MI, MARE DX-pedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9125-SSB, Nov 17 at 1545, 2-way, unseems Spanish, but VP copy due to VP mike, continuous background noise even when not speaking keeps vox on. Seems like another potential poacher or narco frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9240 weirdness --- 9280, USA - (WYFR) and Radio Taiwan via relay, 0200-0250, heard strong o.c. before TOH, then into WYFR ID, Radio Taiwan Intl. heard RTI pgm for 5 minutes, then carrier suddenly off. Waited for return of RTI and nothing until 0230, when Uncle Harry's "Forgorn" began intermittent BRAAAAAAAAPing. Still going on at this post. (11/14) Times, dates UT. 73 and good listening to all (Rick Barton, Arizona, Drake R-8, l.w., ABDX via DXLD)

Altho YFR does get relayed from Taiwan on 9280 at other times, looks like this must have been a mis-punch at Okeechobee for 9680, corrected in a few minutes. I assume your 9240 subject also an error? (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Strong DRM on 9445-9450-9455, Nov 12 at 2046. Is any DRM listed here in B-09 HFCC, Aoki, EiBi, or DRM DX schedule? Of course not! Why should the DRM folx bother with that? These frequencies were last known in use for the HCJB-sponsored DRM tests via IBB Greenville, apparently still going. Also still heard Nov 18 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13625, at 1517 16 Oct, French YL talking. Nothing listed in French at this time, SIO 353 (Steve Calver, Herts., Nov BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Perhaps an error/strike at RFI? Russian scheduled here (BDXC-UK ed., ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13706, intruding 2-way Spanish SSB intermittent, Nov 16 at 1610. Brief transmissions with noisy background, aircraft engine?

Only heard one side. Was a bit off 13706 judging from the SSB sound, but did not determine which way, in between 13700 and 13710 broadcasters. Not the first time heard at this spot (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15570, unoccupied by known broadcasters, again with an open carrier, S9+15, Nov 12 at 1431, but also with a continuous het or tone, could not tell which (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 26915, USA, "Ghost Rider" working several stations 1945 UT 11/15. Other nearby frequencies "hot" as well, signaling some good solar and HF Condx for a change (Rick Barton, PHX AZ, Drake R-8, 100' lw, Palomar Loop, ABDX via DXLD) i.e. freebanders on short skip, Es, surely not F2 yet (gh)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Great to hear Glenn Hauser`s WORLD OF RADIO, on IRRS at 1800-1830 on 7290 Saturday [now 1900-1930 on 6170]. I think WOR is the best radio show on SW. GH understands what DXers/SWLs want in a DX show. I used to listen to WOR on the US SW stations but reception from America was never very good (Peter Robinson, UK? Nov World DX Club Contact via DXLD) See also reception reports under ITALY [non]; USA WBCQ

LANGUAGE LESSONS
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BELGIAN FRENCH [see BELGIUM above]

Hi Glen[n]! Yes, Belgians have a special accent, and also special words (septante and nonante instead of soixante-dix and quatre-vingt-dix for 70 and 90, for example). Of course radio speakers have a much lighter accent than "ordinary people" but it is nevertheless easily recognizable for us. I am living in the north of France, only 20 km from the Belgian border, Tournai is the nearest city and we go there very often. Brussels is also a wonderful city 100 km from here.

Belgians are very hearty people, "bons vivants" as we say in french, and they have wonderful beers. The "patois" spoken in the French part of Belgium (Wallonie) is nearly the same as spoken here in the north of France. This patois is called "Picard" and spoken roughly from Amiens to Lille and Liege.

We have also Flemish speaking people in France: they are very few, but very active. The Flemish part of Belgium (Vlanderen, or Flandres in
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French) is also a very beautiful country, especially Brugge and Gent are beautiful cities. The seaside (60 km) is heavily built but there are nice spots also. Have a nice Sunday and good DX (on 9970 etc.!). Kindly yours (Max BÈnard, Douai, France, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NAVAJO CODE TALKERS HONORED IN NEW YORK

The elite Marine unit of Navajo soldiers whose cryptic code remained unbroken during World War Two was honored at the annual Veterans' Day parade in New York City. The Code Talkers are using their trip as a bid to raise funds for a museum to honor their contribution to defeating the Japanese. Few of the original 400 Navajo Code Talkers are still alive. They say unless a museum is built quickly their experiences will die with them. Nathan King reports:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DWvW7tVxLo
(Via Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, DXLD)

RADIO PHILATELY
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CUBA: PODCAST DE EL MUNDO DE LA FILATELIA DE RADIO HABANA CUBA

EL programa el Mundo de la Filatelia de Radio Habana Cuba, es el ˙nico programa que se emite en la onda corta dedicado al fascinante hobby de la filatelia. Se puede escuchar en la onda corta o atravÈs de la p·gina de la emisora emitiÈndose sÛlo los dÌas domingos:
Domingo (UT) 1410, 1640, 2240 UT, Lunes (UT) 0210

y a travÈs de la p·gina web de Radio Habana Cuba en:
http://media.enet.cu/radiohabanacuba

El podcast de El Mundo de la Filatelia de Radio Habana Cuba,
se encuentra en el siguiente blog:
http://worldstampsnews.blogspot.com
Lado derecho (via Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, DXLD)

The only SW program dedicated to philately?? Not many, but I`m sure I have run across others, in English if not in Spanish, if they still exist. Who can outpoint them and disprove RHC`s claim? Some may be segments in other shows, so not getting distinctive titles. BTW, Cuba`s show has a decidedly Revolutionary angle, surprise2 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PUBLICATIONS
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SWL CLUSTER

Hello, I would like to invite the radio listener community to visit the SWL Cluster recently created by Felipe Ceglia, PY1NB: http://swl.dxwatch.com

The idea is provide on-line real time informations about what is heard at same time on different locations around the globe inside a collaborative system. It¥s like Amateur Radio DX Cluster, but devoted to SWL.

We are in the first steps of the cluster and looking for partners to improve the net, receive suggestions, exchange links, etc.

DX Watch is one website with advanced cluster data, including automatic CW logs received from SDRs with map views, the "Reverse Beacon Project". More informations: http://www.dxwatch.com (Flavio, PY2ZX, Nov 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SHORTWAVE DX CHAT ROOM

Dear Glenn Hauser, I write you from spain to notificate I've created a new shortwave dx conference chat room on -jabber IM-. Tell your fellows to join and share info about this great hobby. I used to listen to your dx logs on radio netherlands in spanish language. Thank you very much. Regards. 73's from Spain. Hasta pronto amigo (Gabriel Bennasar Longa, Nov 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: EMISIONES EN ESPA—OL POR ONDA CORTA

Hola Glenn, leyendo la informaciÛn ---

ACTUALIZACI”N / UPDATE lunes, 02 de noviembre de 2009 --- CONSULTA el Listado COMPLETO de las Emisiones en EspaÒol por Onda Corta http://www.mundodx.net/lista.asp

DESCARGATE el Listado COMPLETO de las Emisiones en EspaÒol por Onda Corta, En Nuestra Zona de DESCARGAS, http://www.mundodx.net/portada_descargas.asp (via Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

...sale la p·gina con la siguiente informaciÛn: http://www.mundodx.net/descargas-allopass.asp?URL=http://www.mundodx.net/articulos.asp?url=http://www.eibispace.de/dx/freq-a09.zip

allopass.com (pago electrÛnico seguro)
Para entrar en la p·gina solicitada introduzca su cÛdigo de acceso

Lo cual significa pago electrÛnico. No!!? Solo se puede consultar, m·s no descargar (Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, Nov 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VIDEOS EN EL CANAL DE DXER2010

Saludos Amigos, La presente es para hacerles conocer los videos que tratan sobre nuestro pasatiempo, el Diexismo. Espero que sean de interes, y les den una miradita, dando sus comentarios (si fuera posible), ya que los videos es de un diexista para los diexistas, si en realidad ese es tu hobby. la URL es:
http://www.youtube.com/dxer2010
(Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DSWCI SHORTWAVE NEWS

Since they wanted to include my logs in the by-frequency shortwave tips section, as a DSWCI member I reluctantly agreed. These `tips` are stripped of all program detail and any other explicatory comments, retaining only frequency, time, date and language. If the frequency is not expressed to one decimal place, it will nevertheless have ,0 added whether justified or not. These logs are useful only as a cross-reference to what may be on a frequency at a certain time, if published accurately. As I skimmed thru the November issue, a few examples of my tips gone wrong, for which I must disclaim any responsibility:

7265,0 1604-1645 F 29.09.09 RFI French GH-USA
No such log. I did hear this frequency between 05 and 06 and the point was the heavy echo, double transmission?

7505,0 0225- USA 31.10.09 Radio WRNO, New Orleans English GH-USA
The point of this log as I thought I clearly explained was that they were NOT on 7505.0 but 7505.5. Trouble is, I mentioned 7505.0 as the frequency they were NOT on, and this is the one picked for the log.

11690,0 0540-0551 AFS 28.09.09 Radio Okabi, Meyerton French GH-USA
It`s Okapi, among many other typos/misspellings

11760,0 0640- CUB 23.09.09 Radio Habana Cuba, Bata English GH-USA
I did not specify any site, but must mean Bauta. How do they know? More likely Bejucal. Bata is in Equatorial Guinea.

12025,0 2107- CAN 29.10.09 Radio HCJB, Sackville Arabic GH-USA
The point of my log on this date was that there was *no HCJB Arabic* but instead VTC fill music (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE 2012 ISSUES

The UK regulator Ofcom has published a consultation on the issues to be covered during the World Radiocommunication Conference 2012 (WRC-12)

Held approximately every four years, the WRC is where changes to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Radio Regulations are made, defining the rights and obligations for use of the radio spectrum.

The purpose of the consultation is to seek views from stakeholders with an interest in the issues on the WRC-12 agenda.

The consultation can be found at:
http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/wrc_12/
(Southgate via Mike Terry, UK, dxldyg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See USA: WGN
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See BRAZIL; DENMARK; ECUADOR; ITALY; NEW
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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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JUPITER JACK

See 9-080. Another screaming TV ad for this, I was not in a position to mute, reason enough never to buy it, heard at 1850 UT Nov 15 within Fareed Zakaria GPS on CNN: now the only frequency specified is 88.7 instead of 99.3. How is that an improvement? ANY single-frequency within the FM band is bound to be unusable in MANY locations. They might get away with 87.9 most places except I suppose some caradios don`t tune below 88.1? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WANT TO BONE UP ON WIRELESS TECH? TRY HAM RADIO

Abundant spectrum resources and an engaged research community are drawing wireless experimenters back into a hobby that many had forgotten. By John Edwards October 29, 2009 06:00 AM ET . . .
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9139771/
Want_to_bone_up_on_wireless_tech_Try_ham_radio?taxonomyId=15&pageNumber=1
(de W9VQ Norman Wald, DXLD)

IS RADIO SHACK UNIDENTIFIED FORTUNE 500 FIRM EYEING TAMPA FOR HEADQUARTERS RELOCATION?

Wake up and good morning. Is RadioShack Corp. really the Fortune 500 company that's allegedly in relocation play and looking at Tampa? Word is it may be a competition among Tampa, Charlotte, N.C., Nashville, Tenn., and Albuquerque, N.M. (AP photo: RadioShack headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas.)

Buzz about a potentially big corporate relocation ó we're talking a 1,700-employee headquarters move here, folks, not some division or back-office operation ó began a few weeks ago. . .
http://blogs.tampabay.com/venture/2009/11/wake-up-and-good-morning-is-radioshackcorp-really-the-fortune-500-company-thats-allegedly-in-relocation-play-and-looking-at.html

-- Robert Trigaux, Times Business Columnist
Posted by Times Editor at 07:22:03 AM on November 13, 2009
(via Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, Nov 13, DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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UNUSUALLY GOOD TRANSATLANTIC AM BAND DX

Know you are mostly dealing with HF but past week or two were unusual. Week 03-10 November fantastic AM DX most nights 0100-0745 UT.

1470 positive IDS, Latin Cumbia music Radio VibraciÛn, eastern Venezuela. Mostly around 0300

Unid Spanish on 1200 and 1140 (mixing with Canada); 1150 Detroit; 870 sounds like WWA FM but probably WWL New Orleans.
Numerous regular North Americans from east coast as well

Also VOA Philippines 16-17 UT on 1170 and 1566 HLAZ Korea presumed with Korean after 19 UT. This window has mostly closed now. DL
(Dr Derek Lynch, Ireland, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Solar activity was very low. No flares occurred during the summary period. Region 1030 (N25, L=046, class/area Cro/050 on 05 November) was observed to have a few spots without penumbra at the beginning of the period and rotated off the visible disk on 12 November. Old Region 1029 (N17, L=213, class/area Eko/380 on 29 October), which rotated off the disk on 1 November, returned into view on 14 November as a spotless plage area. New Region 1031 (N30, L=257, class/area Bxo/010 on 15 November) emerged on the disk on 15 November. A small CME from the west limb was observed to enter the LASCO C2 field of view at 1254 UTC on 15 November. EUV imagery from the STEREO-A spacecraft clearly showed the source was in the vicinity of Region 1030 which was three days behind the limb at the time of the event. No proton events were

observed at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at normal levels during the period. The geomagnetic field was predominantly quiet throughout the summary period with the exception of a period of unsettled levels at high latitudes from 0600-1200 UTC on 09 November, a period of unsettled levels at some mid-latitude stations and active at high latitudes from 0900-1200 UTC on 14 November, and a period of unsettled levels at high latitudes from 1200-1800 UTC on 15 November. Solar wind observations from the ACE spacecraft showed a slow decline of solar wind velocity from about 450 km/s at the beginning of the period down to about 280 km/s by 2200 UTC on 11 November. In addition, the interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) showed a small increase between 2000 UTC on the 13th through 1840 UTC on the 15th, with peak Bt values around 8 nT and peak negative Bz values around -6 nT.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 18 NOV - 14 DEC 2009

Solar activity is expected to be predominantly very low with just a slight chance for brief periods of low. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal levels through the period. The geomagnetic field is expected to be mostly quiet for 18-19 November. An increase to unsettled with a chance for active periods is expected between 20-22 November due to effects from a favorably positioned coronal hole. Quiet levels are expected to prevail for the remainder of the interval from 23 November through 14 December.

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:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27DO.txt
:Issued: 2009 Nov 17 1851 UTC
# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction
Center
# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
# http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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#      27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
#                Issued 2009 Nov 17
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#   UTC      Radio Flux   Planetary   Largest
#  Date       10.7 cm      A Index    Kp Index
2009 Nov 18      78           6          2
2009 Nov 19      78           7          2
2009 Nov 20      78          10          3
2009 Nov 21      76          15          3
2009 Nov 22      75           9          3
2009 Nov 23      72           6          2
2009 Nov 24      72           6          2
2009 Nov 25      72           5          2
2009 Nov 26      72           5          2
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2009 Nov 27	70	5	2
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2009 Dec 06	70	5	2
2009 Dec 07	70	5	2
2009 Dec 08	72	5	2
2009 Dec 09	72	5	2
2009 Dec 10	72	5	2
2009 Dec 11	75	5	2
2009 Dec 12	75	5	2
2009 Dec 13	75	5	2
2009 Dec 14	75	5	2

(SWPC Nov 17 via WORLD OF RADIO 1487, DXLD) ###